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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 27, 1981

PROGRAM: "You Can't Get Enough of Alaska" with Paul Rechel.

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DECEMBER 1980 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- DECEMBER 6, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes (NWDL). Leader: Roland Olderog. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Lorraine Chappell, Kate Kittleman, Freda Krolik, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Fog; Wind, calm; 27°-29°). 7½ hours, 39 miles. (32 species)
- 6, Saturday. Southcentral Colorado: Denver to Pueblo, Burnt Mill Road to Colorado City, Walsenburg and Lathrop State Park (SCCO). Observers: Kathy Hawkins, Dorothy Reddall, Jack Reddall. (Denver to Colorado City: Dense fog; Wind, NE, 0-10 MPH; 27°-30°. Colorado City to Lathrop S.P: Mostly clear; Wind, SW, 15-25 MPH; 50°-65°). 11 hours, 351 miles. (49 species)
- 7, Sunday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery (WLFC). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Paul Barrett, Carol Hack, Hazel Kellogg, Jack Reddall, Bob Righter. (Overcast, light snow flurries; Wind, N, 0-5 MPH; 25°-29°). 3 hours, 2 miles. (30 species)
- 14, Sunday. Raptor Trip through Northeastern Colorado: Brighton, La Salle, Kersey, Briggsdale, Grover, Weldona, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. Rds. U,3,B and Weld Co. Rd. 4 (NECOL). Observers: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Jack Reddall. (Clear, hazy becoming overcast; Wind, variable 0-15 MPH; 27°-55°). 11½ hours, 315 miles. (44 species overall; 10 raptor species totalling 100 individuals highlighted by 19 Golden Eagles).
- 20, Saturday. DENVER ANNUAL CHRISTMAS COUNT. See details in the Supplement to this issue of the Lark Bunting.

DECEMBER 24, Wednesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir, Chatfield State Park, Waterton, Louviers, McClelland Reservoir (CCCH). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Sky obscured by dense fog and snow showers in A.M. becoming overcast in P.M.; Wind, SE, 5-10 MPH: 15⁰-19⁰) 8½ hours, 117 miles. (55 species)

27, Saturday. Southcentral Colorado: McClelland Reservoir, Chatfield State Park, Waterton, Louviers, Garden of the Gods, Manitou Springs, Castlewood Canyon State Park, Cherry Creek Reservoir (SCCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy: Wind, SW, 10-20 MPH; 42⁰-75⁰). 10 hours, 193 miles. (63 species)

28, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Observers: Robert Andrews, Van Remsen. (Overcast; Wind, calm; 60⁰s). (49 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used below follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975.

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	6 NWDL PLNS	6 SCCO FHPL	7 WLFC PLNS	14 NECOL PLAIN	24 CCCH PLNS	27 SCCO PLFE	28 CHAT PLNS
Common Loon					1	1	1
Arctic Loon					2	2	2
Horned Grebe						1	
Western Grebe					3	3	2
Pied-billed Grebe					13	2	7
Double-crested Cormorant					1		1
Great Blue Heron				4	2	4	7
Black-crowned Night Heron	2						
Canada Goose	428		265	17500	900	1175	500
Snow Goose							
"White" form						1a11	
Mallard	86	1ma	2	26000	75	95	50
Gadwall	12					1	5
Common Pintail							7
Green-winged Teal	4				10	11	43
American Wigeon	43				45	30	6
Northern Shoveler	480		5				
Redhead	6					70	
Ring-necked Duck	31				40		
Canvasback					3fe	3fe	
Lesser Scaup						1fe	
Common Goldeneye	23	1ma			500	220	20
Bufflehead	26	4ma			1fe	2m4f	1
Oldsquaw						2	2
Hooded Merganser					3fe		
Common Merganser	1fe	2ma	4	1000	3500	4000	
Northern Goshawk		1ad					
Sharp-shinned Hawk					1ad		
Red-tailed Hawk							3
"Western" race		16		8	2	2a11	
"Harlan's" race					1	1	
Rough-legged Hawk	2	8		27	4	2	1
Ferruginous Hawk		3ad		7ad			
Buteo sp.				6			
Golden Eagle		3ad		15a4i			
Bald Eagle		2ad		2ad	1ad		
Northern Harrier		3fe	1fe	2m7f	1m4f	2fe	3

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	6 NWDL PLNS	6 SCCO FHPL	7 WLFC PLNS	14 NECOL PLAIN	24 CCCH PLNS	27 SCCO PLFH	28 CHAT PLNS
Prairie Falcon				12			
Merlin			1	1			
American Kestrel	2	10		14	2	4	
Ring-necked Pheasant				25	10		2
American Coot	9	9			1250	515	175
Killdeer				4	4	4	3
Common Snipe	1			12			
Herring Gull					30	45	
Thayer's Gull						11m	
California Gull	1					1ad	
Ring-billed Gull	161	50	55	15	135	760	5
Rock Dove	44	20	12	45	45	90	
Great Horned Owl		1		1		1	
Belted Kingfisher		1		2	3	1	1
Common Flicker							9
"Red-shafted" race	6	4	10	18	10	8	
Lewis' Woodpecker		4				2	
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1fe					
Hairy Woodpecker							1
Downy Woodpecker				2		2	3
eastern races			1fe		2m1f		
Horned Lark				1000	15	2	1
Blue Jay				1	2		
Steller's Jay						2	
Scrub Jay		5				3	
Black-billed Magpie	16	65	35	55	90	55	25
Northern Raven		15			2	5	
American Crow		200				1	
Black-capped Chickadee		3	3	10	13	8	30
Mountain Chickadee		1	1	6	1	1	3
Plain Titmouse		2					
White-breasted Nuthatch		1	2		2	1	3
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1				
Brown Creeper			2		2	1	3
North American Dipper					2	1	
Bewick's Wren		1					
Brown Thrasher				1			
American Robin	1	20	12	4	7	3	7
Mountain Bluebird		35					
Townsend's Solitaire		12	1		2	3	
Golden-crowned Kinglet			1				
Water Pipit					30	6	
Cedar Waxwing		1					
Northern Shrike		3		2a11	2ad	1a11	
Loggerhead Shrike		1					
European Starling	499	190	5	300	15	90	10
House Sparrow	57	15	8	110	50	15	
Western Meadowlark	6	2	3	65	1		9
Redwinged Blackbird	190	3		9000			1
<u>Rusty Blackbird</u>							<u>11</u>
Common Grackle				1			
House Finch	58	18	120	3	25	10	10
Pine Siskin		185	12	3	80	1	

DECEMBER AREA HABITAT	6 NWDL PLNS	6 SCCO FHPL	7 WLFC PLNS	14 NECOL PLAIN	24 CCCH PLNS	27 SCCO PLFH	28 CHAT PLNS
American Goldfinch	2	23	2	10	1	6	
Lesser Goldfinch			1ma				
Rufous-sided Towhee							1
"Spotted" race		8				3ma	
Brown Towhee		2					
Savannah Sparrow							2
Northern Junco							
"White-winged" race		2				1	1
"Slate-colored" race	4	3	2	1	2		7
"Oregon" race	3	25	25	15	20	20	25
Gray-headed Junco		15				2	2
American Tree Sparrow	9	1	2	45	310	55	365
Harris' Sparrow						1a21	1
White-crowned Sparrow	25	2	25	11	25	1	95
Lincoln's Sparrow							1
Swamp Sparrow				1im	1im		1
Song Sparrow	4	1	2	12	20	5	35
Landland Longspur				20		15	50
TOTAL SPECIES-98	32	49	30	44	55	63	49

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a;
Immature=im,i; Plains=PLNS, PL, PLAIN; Foothills=FH;

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1980 REPORTS: (Cutoff for receiving reports this month was 12/31/80
due to the effort to compile the Christmas Count)

Arctic Loon 12-7 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Horned Grebe 12-7 (1) & 12-28 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Western Grebe two all month at Cherry Creek Reservoir; last seen in December on the
28th (JR)
Whistling Swan 12-13 (2 immatures) along the South Platte River at Masters, Morgan Co.
(DD)
Snow Goose ("White" form) 12-21 (1 adult, 1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Barrow's Goldeneye 12-26 (12) Grand Lake (PE)
Red-breasted Merganser 12-7 (1 female) & 12-28 (1 female) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Sharp-shinned Hawk 12-14 (1) Deer Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. (CM)
Golden Eagle 12-14 (2) Deer Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. (CM)
Bald Eagle 12-21 (1 immature) & 12-28 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Prairie Falcon 12-6 (1) Deer Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. (CM)
Theyer's Gull 12-21 (1 immature) & 12-28 (2 immatures) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
California Gull 12-28 (1 adult) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Bonaparte's Gull 12-7 (20) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE 12-5 (2 immatures) Valmont Reservoir, Boulder (BR,TJ)
Great Horned Owl 12-6 (2) Deer Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. (CM)
Northern Pygmy Owl 12-4 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (MJS)
Gray Jay 12-26 (1) Echo Lake, Clear Creek Co. (JR)
Blue Jay 12-6 (1) Deer Creek Canyon, Jefferson Co. (CM)
Cedar Waxwing 12-7 (12) 2695 South Winona Court, Denver (MJS)
Yellow-rumped Warbler ("Audubon's" race) 12-5 (1) Sloan's Lake, Denver (RA)

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER REPORTS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM LAST MONTH'S REPORT:

Common Screech Owl 11-18 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN)
Rufous-sided Towhee 11-28 (1 male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN)
Harris' Sparrow 11-7 (1) & 11-19 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN)

CONTRIBUTORS: Robert Andrews (RA), Dorothy Dines (DD), Patty Echelmeyer (PE), Tina Jones (TJ), Colin Murcraay (CM), Duane Nelson (DN), Jack Reddall (JR), Bob Righter (BR), Mary Jane Schock (MJS)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

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NOTICE: Be sure to buy your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series directly from Harold Holt at future Denver Field Ornithologists' meetings. Forty percent of all sales made by DFO members will be turned over to our treasury.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in AOU CHECK-LIST order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 15, Number 6, of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual

totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).

5. Deadline for all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
6. Please notify the Editor (Tel: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

ALL DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS ARE URGED TO CARPOOL WHEREVER POSSIBLE WHEN GOING ON FIELD TRIPS TO HELP CONSERVE ENERGY. IF YOU CONTEMPLATE GOING ON ANY OF THE SCHEDULED FIELD TRIPS LISTED FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, PLEASE CONTACT THE LEADERS AHEAD OF TIME AS THEY MAY BE ABLE TO ARRANGE FOR CARPOOLING.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY 1981

- FEBRUARY 1, Sunday. PLUM CREEK, CASTLE ROCK & CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan). *
- 7, Saturday. ELDORADO SPRINGS & SOUTH BOULDER. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet leader at Colorado Highway 93 and Eldorado turnoff at 8:30 A.M. Carpool at Berkeley Senior Center, 46th Avenue east of Sheridan at 7:45 A.M. *
- 8, Sunday. EVERGREEN AREA. Leader: William Brockner (674-4851). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Public Service Parking Lot north of Evergreen. Carpool at Berkeley Senior Center, 46th Avenue east of Sheridan, at 7:15 A.M. *
- 14, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Bob Andrews (825-0293). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot). *
- 15, Sunday. BEAR VALLEY, BOWMAR, WILLOW SPRINGS. Leader: Merwin Terry (237-8692). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) US 285 and South Sheridan. *
- 21, Saturday. RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at the Trading Post in Red Rocks Park at 8:30 A.M. Carpool at parking lot north of GEICO (the round building) off Wadsworth at Alameda at 8:00 A.M. Lunch is optional.
- 22, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leaders: Helen Singer (756-2808) and Nancy Jones (758-1463). Meet at the west gate to Cherry Creek RA at 8:00 A.M. *
- 28, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) US 285 and South Sheridan at 8:00 A.M. *

* BRING LUNCH

Submitted by: Robert Spencer (279-4682)
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Field Trip Chairmen

LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT
1980 DENVER CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT

Jack Reddall, Compiler

Kathy Hawkins, Co-compiler
Hugh Kingery, Co-compiler

December 20, 1980; 6:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Morning: early fog, clearing. Afternoon: mostly clear. Precipitation: none. Temperature: 12°-50°F. Wind: Variable, 0-12 MPH. Snow Cover: 0"-5". Fresh Water: mostly open. Wild Food Crop: good. One hundred and twenty-four observers, 79 in 26 parties, 45 at feeders. Total Party-hours: 207.5 (138 on foot, 69.5 by car) plus 110 hours at feeders. Total Party-miles: 573 (125.5 on foot, 447.5 by car). TOTAL: 101 species (4 additional races); about 21819 individuals.

PARTICIPANTS BY AREA (Leaders underlined):

- AREA 1: Red Rocks Park. Winston William Brockner, Tim Schowalter.
- AREA 2: Lower Bear Creek. Robert Spencer, Irma Appelgren, Bobby Ausfahl, Lorraine Chappell, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock.
- AREA 2A: Bear Creek Reservoir. Margaret Elliott, Marilyn Allison, Megan Elliott, Philip Hayes.
- AREA 3: BowMar. Bruce Webb, Peter Gent.
- AREA 4A: Lower South Platte. Ruth Wheeler, Ruth Breckon, John and Joyce Cooper, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Jeff Offermann.
- AREA 4B: Lower South Platte. Charles Chase. Area not counted!
- AREA 5: Highline Ditch. Bob Rozinski, Vivian Pliler, Tom Southwick.
- AREA 6: Plum Creek. Fred Hager, Drew Grainger, Tina Jones.
- AREA 7A: Middle South Platte. David Hutchinson, Jeff Hutchinson, Jack Reddall.
- AREA 7B: Middle South Platte. Hugh Kingery, Urling Kingery, Bruce Paton, Peter Paton, Allen Stokes.
- AREA 8: Chatfield Reservoir. Frank Justice, Ann Bonnell, Kathi Greene, Stan Justice, Mary Karner, Kenny Lane, Al Louth, Mary Kay Waddington, Martha Zoeteway.
- AREA 9: Upper South Platte. Jerome Besser, Blake Besser, Michael Fall, Willis Royall.
- AREA 10: Lower Deer Creek Canyon. Lynn Willcockson, Colin Murcay.
- AREA 11: Upper Deer Creek. Reed Kelley, Daniel Butler, Kathy Hirst.
- AREA 12: Yegge Peak. Nancy Hurley. Area not counted!
- AREA 13: Doublehead Mountain. Bob Righter, Fran Enright.
- AREA 14: North Turkey Creek. Warren Finch.
- AREA 15: Indian Hills. Dieter Kamm, Mary Jane Black, Richard Kamm, Marjorie Roberts.
- AREA 16: Upper Bear Creek. Harold Holt, LaVona Holt
- AREA 17: Ken Caryl Ranch. Dick Pratt, Jim Irvine, Kate Kittleman
- AREA 18: Garrison Gate. Robert Andrews, Toni Brevillier, Richard Bunn.
- AREA 19: Morrison/Willow Brook Estates. Carol Hack, Fern Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Paul Rechel
- AREA 20: Willow Creek. Patty Echelmeyer, Kris Loudon, Eleanor Walker.
- AREA 21: Mount Lindo to Willow Springs. Robert Buttery, Cynthia Buttery.

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PART ONE

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCKR	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLD	6 PCK	7A MSPR	7B MSPR	8 CSP	9 USP	10 LDC
Common Loon											5		
<u>Horned Grebe</u>											1		
Western Grebe											1		
Pied-billed Grebe					1						6		
Double-crested Cormorant											1		
Great Blue Heron		1		2				2	1	1	4		
<u>Whistling Swan</u>				1									
Canada Goose		1430	98	1127	251				341		600		
Snow Goose				1									
Mallard		261	101	460	198			22	27	40	73		4
Gadwall		28			4					8			
Common Pintail		16	1	17	4								
Green-winged Teal		21	7					12		2	9		
American Wigeon		123	1	143	67			1		10	1		
Northern Shoveler		1									3		
Wood Duck				2	3					3			
Redhead		34			15								
Ring-necked Duck		7		6	20						19		
Canvasback					2								
Lesser Scaup		2		6						1			
Common Goldeneye		30	1	82	2				1	8	15		
Bufflehead				5							6		
<u>Oldsquaw</u>											2		
Ruddy Duck				2							1		
Hooded Merganser		3		8							5		
Common Merganser			1	175							9		
Red-breasted Merganser				2									
Sharp-shinned Hawk										1			
Cooper's Hawk													1
Accipiter sp.			1										
Red-tailed Hawk		2	1	2	1		2	1	4	1			2
"Harlan's" race		1	1					1	1				
Rough-legged Hawk			4		2		2	1	4	2	1		1
Ferruginous Hawk					1								
Buteo sp.			3		1				2	1	1		
Northern Harrier			3	1	1		1	2	6	7	5		
Prairie Falcon			1	2									
American Kestrel		3	2	1	1				2	2	1	1	1
Ring-necked Pheasant										2	2		2
Virginia Rail										4			
American Coot		1		8	200				5		210		
Killdeer		5	2		2			6	5	6	4		
Common Snipe		12							1		1		
Herring Gull				45					3		1		

PART ONE (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	1 RRP	2 LBCK	2A BCKR	3 BMAR	4A LSPR	4B LSPR	5 HLD	6 PCK	7A MSPR	7B MSPR	8 CSP	9 USP	10 LDC
Ring-billed Gull		46	5	205	4				5		13		
Rock Dove	54	150	33	90	166		190		26	18		3	
Mourning Dove			3							1			
Great Horned Owl		1	1		1		1	1	2	6	5		3
Long-eared Owl													2
Belted Kingfisher		7	20	1	2				16	1	1	2	
Common Flicker													
"Yellow-shafted" race				1							1		
"Red-shafted" race	7	55	20	7	13		11	12	33	8	11	14	2
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					2								
Hairy Woodpecker								1	5	3	1		1
Downy Woodpecker	1	3	7		1		3	4	8	2	7		2
Horned Lark										25	31		
Blue Jay		2		7									1
Steller's Jay													20
Scrub Jay	3											8	9
Black-billed Magpie	27	202	103	78	111		2	8	235	33	17	15	22
Northern Raven	2		1				2		3		1		
American Crow					1		42		2	38		2	25
Black-capped Chickadee		14	16		25		63	13	56	15	3	5	14
Mountain Chickadee		4			1		12	1	12	9	1	4	7
White-breasted Nuthatch		4	2		2		1		8	2			4
Pygmy Nuthatch													7
Brown Creeper		4			1				11	4			1
North American Dipper		1							2			5	
Marsh Wren		1											
Canyon Wren	8											2	4
American Robin	11	187	2	10	31				5			26	1
Townsend's Solitaire	18		1							1		6	3
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1				1	2			
Cedar Waxwing												1	
Waxwing sp.		8											
Northern Shrike			2						2		1		
European Starling		360	17	260	367		61	12	219	13	68		18
House Sparrow		96	35		62		9		27				
Western Meadowlark		19	1		11		1			1			29
Red-winged Blackbird		111		43	101			1					
Rusty Blackbird								13					
Brewer's Blackbird					6								
Common Grackle					3								
Evening Grosbeak				11									
Cassin's Finch		2											
House Finch	37	163	96	42	85		31	5	96	19	18		3
Common Redpoll											14		
Pine Siskin							3		3	18		112	2
American Goldfinch							37		31	32			2
Rufous-sided Towhee								1	1	3		3	7
Northern Junco													
"White-winged" race	4				1								
"Slate-colored" race	8	2	15	1	9		45		5	6	1	15	2
"Oregon" race	21	36	49	2	17		11	1	9	3	3	72	28
"Pink-sided" form									5	15			

PART ONE (continued)

AREA NUMBER	1	2	2A	3	4A	4A	5	6	7A	7B	8	9	10
LOCATION	RRP	LBCK	BCKR	BMAR	LSPR	LSPR	HLD	PCK	MSPR	MSPR	CSP	USP	LDC
Gray-headed Junco	16	12	26	1						4		8	14
Junco sp.		9	42	3					41	20			
American Tree Sparrow		27	45	2			78	46	307	171	106	1	30
Harris' Sparrow									2				
White-crowned Sparrow			2		6		31		18	9	3	23	
Swamp Sparrow								1					
Song Sparrow	2	14	15	3	4		23	15	31	36	10	7	4
TOTAL SPECIES	13	44	36	37	43	0	22	24	41	43	45	21	34
RACES	2	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	1
FORMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	219	3520	787	2865	1810	0	660	183	1630	6171	306	335	278

PART TWO

AREA NUMBER	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	FEED	FEED	GRAND
LOCATION	UDC	YPK	DHM	NTC	IHL	IBC	KCR	GGT	MWE	WSP	MTL	PLNS	FOOT	TOTAL
Common Loon														5
Horned Grebe														1
Western Grebe														1
Pied-billed Grebe														7
Double-crested Cormorant														1
Great Blue Heron										11				22
Whistling Swan														1
Canada Goose										240		734		4821
Snow Goose														1
Mallard							32			7	5	40		1270
Gadwall														40
Common Pintail														38
Green-winged Teal														51
American Wigeon							1					34		381
Northern Shoveler							2							6
Wood Duck														8
Redhead														49
Ring-necked Duck														52
Canvasback														2
Lesser Scaup														9
Common Goldeneye												1		140
Bufflehead														11
Oldsquaw														5
Ruddy Duck														3
Hooded Merganser														16
Common Merganser														185
Red-breasted Merganser														2
Northern Goshawk					1				1					2
Sharp-shinned Hawk							1			1		1		4
Cooper's Hawk														1
Accipiter sp.														1
Red-tailed Hawk	1							1	1	1				20
"Harlan's" race										1				5
Rough-legged Hawk										2				19

PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	11 UDC	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15 IHL	16 IBC	17 KCR	18 GGT	19 MWE	20 WSP	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
Ferruginous Hawk										2				3
Buteo sp.										6				14
Golden Eagle							4						1	5
Northern Harrier							1		1	4				32
Prairie Falcon									1	1				5
Merlin										1				1
American Kestrel							1		1	11	1			28
Blue Grouse				13										13
Ring-necked Pheasant														6
Wild Turkey											18			18
Virginia Rail														4
American Coot							1							425
Killdeer														30
Common Snipe														14
Herring Gull														49
Ring-billed Gull										1				279
Gull sp.										2				2
Rock Dove					6		89		26	46	1	7		905
Mourning Dove														4
Great Horned Owl								1				2		24
Long-eared Owl														2
Belted Kingfisher									1	1		4		56
Common Flicker														2
"Yellow-shafted" race														2
"Red-shafted" race	1			1	1	2	9	4	4	10	2	26	4	257
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker										1				3
Hairy Woodpecker	2		2	1	6			3	1			1	23	50
Downy Woodpecker	1			4				3	7	4		1	11	69
Horned Lark							2							58
Blue Jay												46	9	65
Steller's Jay	80		15	9	70	7		45	8		6		234	494
Scrub Jay					5	3	19	1	14	3	5	5	17	92
Black-billed Magpie	3		4	14	4	3	29	5	22	85	12	70	19	1121
Northern Raven	4		1	3	4		3	3	6		1			34
American Crow	3		16	2	19	2	1						43	196
Black-capped Chickadee						11	14	8	8	13	3	26	55	362
Mountain Chickadee	25		48	17	31	12	5	55	3	3	14	10	113	387
White-breasted Nuthatch	1		2	6	5			11	3				19	70
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2							1			1		8	12
Pygmy Nuthatch	3		30	19	23			30			3		62	177
Brown Creeper			2		5			4		2	3		2	40
North American Dipper						2			3					13
Marsh Wren														1
Canyon Wren							1		1					16
American Robin	8			16	26	7	4	8	53	10	22	95	6	528
Mountain Bluebird					1									1
Townsend's Solitaire	3		4	8	39	6	15	10	8	4	55		2	183
Golden-crowned Kinglet											4			4
Ruby-crowned Kinglet														4
Cedar Waxwing														1
Waxwing sp.														8
European Starling			2		6		3		8	14		448	63	1939

PART TWO (continued)

AREA NUMBER LOCATION	11 UDC	12 YPK	13 DHM	14 NTC	15 IHL	16 IBC	17 KCR	18 GGT	19 MWE	20 WSP	21 MTL	FEED PLNS	FEED FOOT	GRAND TOTAL
House Sparrow							24		28	60		525		866
Western Meadowlark										2				64
Red-winged Blackbird										118		67		441
<u>Rusty Blackbird</u>														13
Brewer's Blackbird												1		1
Common Grackle														3
Evening Grosbeak												4	133	198
Cassin's Finch								2					14	18
House Finch					32	5	7		25	26		399	11	1100
Common Redpoll														14
Pine Siskin			50	27	2		160	4			3		229	613
American Goldfinch							29	3		3				137
Rufous-sided Towhee	3						10	3	7			5	5	48
Northern Junco														
"White-winged" race	3				13	1		5			7	5	11	50
"Slate-colored" race	2		25	26	2	4		9	4	3		68	103	355
"Oregon" race			1		3	20		10	29	36		64	143	558
"Pink-sided" form														20
Gray-headed Junco	6		34	49	25	11		36	13	4	5	38	106	408
Junco sp.	77				56		109	12	15	24			25	433
American Tree Sparrow						3	5			20		56	8	905
Harris' Sparrow														2
White-crowned Sparrow									3			5		100
White-throated Sparrow												1		1
<u>Swamp Sparrow</u>														1
Song Sparrow						2	1			2			1	170
TOTAL SPECIES	18	0	15	17	21	15	28	24	30	34	20	29	27	101
RACES	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	2	1	2	0	2	2	4
FORMS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	238	0	276	216	385	101	582	278	307	786	171	2789	1480	21819

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NEXT MEETING: FEBRUARY 24, 1981

BEFORE THE MEETING: Nate Jessup from Park on Blake Gallery will have a display of Audubon prints from Octavo Edition (1840-1851).

PROGRAM: "Natural Visions of North America" with Mike Fitzpatrick and Sue Fortuna.

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JANUARY 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JANUARY 1, Thursday. Denver Metropolitan area: Castlewood Canyon S.P., Sedalia, Louviers, Chatfield S.P., McClelland Reservoir, gravel pits at 74th Ave. and I-76, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Cherry Creek Reservoir (METRO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, SE, 5-10 MPH; 24°-55°). 10 hours, 169 miles. (73 species)
- 2, Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Muir Springs Park, Prewitt Reservoir, Orchard (NECOL). Observers: Mark Holmgren, Diane and Steve Larson, Jack Reddall, Van Rensen. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, NW, 10-20 MPH; 15°-62°). 12 hours, 270 miles. (47 species)
- 3, Saturday. South Platte River/Urban (SPR). Leader: Lyle W. Jordan. Observers: Brenda Barcus, Lorraine Chappell, Tina Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Carol Lofft, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Tom and Helen Singer, Bob Spencer, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm; 30°-50°). (23 species)
- 4, Sunday. Bear Creek Greenbelt, Bear Creek Reservoir, Morrison Picnic Ground (BEAR). Leader: Merwin Terry. Observers: Tom Hoffman (Omaha, Nebraska), Tina Jones, Terry Flageolle. (Clear; Wind, variable 5-10 MPH; 35°-55°). 5 hours, 25 miles. (31 species)
- 10, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (WGB). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Tina Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Carol Lofft, Jack

Reddall, Bob Righter, Mary Jane Schock, Jo Shrode, Don Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (High clouds; Wind, calm; 22°-45°). (38 species)

- 11, Sunday. Raptor Trip to Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Prewitt Reservoir, Merino, Fort Morgan, Goodrich, Wiggins and return to Denver (NECOL). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Brenda Barcus, Warren Finch, Terry Flageolle, Kathy Hawkins, Tina Jones, Dieter Kamm, Kate Kittleman, Jim Marvin, Duane Nelson, Dick Schottler, Mildred Snyder, John Sullivan, Merwin Terry. (Clear; Wind, variable, 0-10 MPH; 10°-52°). 10 hours, 284 miles. (46 species, 10 raptor species, 89 raptor individuals)

- 17, Saturday. Sloan's Lake, lakes northwest of Denver, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (NWDL). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Dottie Gerstner, Marian Gibson, Freda Krolik, Diana Mullineaux, Carol and Duane Nelson, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Cold). 6 hours. (34 species)

- 17, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Arsenal, Prospect Reservoir, Weld Co. Rd. 4, Morgan Co. Rds. B,3,U, Weldona, Muir Springs Park, Bijou Creek, Jackson Reservoir, Orchard (NECOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear with sky becoming obscured in dense fog in Morgan Co, 4"-6" of snow; Wind, variable, 0-5 MPH; 7°-19°). 10½ hours, 238 miles. (52 species, 9 raptor species, 112 raptor individuals)

- 18, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Lorraine Chappell, Jack Reddall, Dick Schottler. (Clear; Wind, SW, 0-10 MPH; 24°-45°). 3½ hours, 12 miles. (33 species)

- 24, Saturday. Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake S.P. (BARR). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Brenda Barcus, Ruth Breckon, Lorraine Chappell, Ethel and Jack Humphries, Tina Jones, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Carol Lofft, Duane Nelson, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi, Susan Wright. (Mostly clear; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 49°-69°). (41 species)

- 25, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Lorraine Chappell, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Tina Jones, Bob Righter. (Clear; Wind, N, 0-20 MPH; 35°-50°). 5½ hours, 32 miles. (31 species)

- 31, Saturday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Picnic Ground (RRP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Dick Burr, Lorraine Chappell, Jean Cox, Alicia Kamm, Karl Kamm, Richard Kamm, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast, light snow; Wind, calm; 20°-25°). 3 hours, 1½ miles. (15 species)

JANUARY AREA HABITAT	1 METRO FH PLNS	2 NECOL PLAIN	3 SPR PLN	4 BEAR PLFH	10 WGB PLN	11 NECOL PLAIN	17 NWDL PLNS	17 NECOL PLAIN	18 CCRA PLNS	24 BARR PLNS	25 CSP PLN	31 RRP FHL
Common Loon	1											
Arctic Loon	2											
Horned Grebe	1											
Western Grebe	2						1		1		5	
Pied-billed Grebe	5		1				2	4			8	
Double-crested Cormorant	11m										1	
Great Blue Heron	1			1		7					4	
Canada Goose	2100	8000	400	35	90	13000	575	1700	5000	330	400	
Snow Goose										1		
Mallard	60	30000	104	9	69	30000	320	500	50	2230	28	3
Gadwall	35		15	2	6		5	35		7		
Common Pintail	8	2						1mlf		16		
Green-winged Teal	20		6		217		11	15	4		22	
American Wigeon	40	1ma	24		25		50	6		416		

JANUARY	1	2	3	4	10	11	17	17	18	24	25	31
AREA	METRO	NECOL	SPR	BEAR	WGB	NECOL	NWDL	NECOL	CCRA	BARR	CSP	RRP
HABITAT	FH PLNS	PLAIN	PLN	PLFH	PLN	PLAIN	PLNS	PLAIN	PLNS	PLNS	PLN	FHL
Northern Shoveler	50						250	200		430		
Redhead	8				60		20			1		
Ring-necked Duck	2ma				52		212			56		
Canvasback	1m1f											
Lesser Scaup	12				15		6					
Common Goldeneye	175	1ma	5	4	6	5	20	9	10	4	25	
Bufflehead	3fe											
Oldsquaw	2										3	
Hooded Merganser							1m1f					
Common Merganser	4000	18		10		6	15	2000	500	21		
Red-breasted Merganser							6m1f					
Northern Goshawk									11m			
Red-tailed Hawk										2		
"Western" race	1ad	5				8		15				
"Harlan's" race			1			3		2				
Rough-legged Hawk	7	6		2		25		49	2	8	2	
Ferruginous Hawk	3ad					1		4ad		2		
Buteo sp.						6						
Golden Eagle	2ad					1a1i		4a1i		2a1i		1a
Bald Eagle		23				7a7i		1ad	11m		1ad	
Northern Harrier		1m2f		1		3m8f		10m7f	1m3f	2m4f	3	
GYRFALCON (dark phase)		1										
Prairie Falcon	2	1				1		6			1	
Merlin						1			1			
"Richardson's" race		1										
American Kestrel	1	3	2	3	1	11	1	7	1	2		
Ring-necked Pheasant		3						11	4ma	6		
Virginia Rail								1				
American Coot	1000		4		2		25	6	12	9	210	
Killdeer	5		1	2	3	1	3	5			1	
Common Snipe					3	1		1				
Glaucous Gull		1a1i				11m		11m				
Herring Gull	80	350	7			150	2	350	55		4	
Thayer's Gull	3im	3im				11m		11m	11m			
Ring-billed Gull	350	2500	3	5	11	510	155	1100	15	26	13	
BLACK-LEGGED KITTIWAKE						11m						
Rock Dove	85	75	63	6	87	140	30	75	4	4		34
Mourning Dove					6		3					
Great Horned Owl	3	4		1		6		6	4	1		
Long-eared Owl										2		
Short-eared Owl	1											
Belted Kingfisher	1fe	2	4	4	5	1		2			1	
Common Flicker		22	7	11	13	15						
"Red-shafted" race	2	2					3	25	4	8	3	6
Lewis' Woodpecker	7	2										
Hairy Woodpecker		3										
"Rocky Mountain" race	1m					1ma						
eastern races												
Downy Woodpecker		4		1						2	1	
"Batchelder's" race	1m											
eastern races		1fe				1		3				
Horned Lark		2	50			600		8100	15	54	40	

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Blue Jay	5	2	4			2		2	1			
Steller's Jay				1								
Scrub Jay	7			1								7
Black-billed Magpie	35	65	60	82	20	50	65	25	75	28	28	25
Northern Raven		2										
American Crow	3	16					1					2
Black-capped Chickadee	2	3	25	5	11	2	3	15	1	19	3	7
Mountain Chickadee	8	2	3		1							
White-breasted Nuthatch	2	1								1		
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1								
Pygmy Nuthatch	10											
Brown Creeper	1	3	1	1	2	1	1			2		
North American Dipper	1			1	1							1
Marsh Wren			1		1							
Canyon Wren												3
American Robin	2	30	15	1	6	1	2	3	6			27
Townsend's Solitaire	4	1										10
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1							
Cedar Waxwing			9									
Northern Shrike	1		1ad			1ad		3ad	11m	1	1	
European Starling	99	5150	140	69	14	65	380	250	1450	20	76	5
House Sparrow		15	70	16		13	200	35	200		7	
Western Meadowlark		1	55		9		60		245		32	1
Red-winged Blackbird		10	475	8		30	700		9700	1fe	73	
Rusty Blackbird									8			
Brewer's Blackbird									40			
Brown-headed Cowbird									1ma			
House Finch		3	6	7	4	22	6	10	3	15	91	
Common Redpoll							2				2	
Pine Siskin		75							2		30	
American Goldfinch		2	7			6	8		2	20	20	30
Rufous-sided Towhee												
"Spotted" race		7ma										
Northern Junco				15	13							
"White-winged" race			2									
"Slate-colored" race		1	3			1						
"Oregon" race		14	90			7	7	4	5	2		6
Gray-headed Junco	3				1							11
American Tree Sparrow	2	12	135	187	8		1	300	10	98	150	
Harris' Sparrow		1a11										
White-crowned Sparrow		2	35	1	3	10			2			
White-throated Sparrow					2							
Swamp Sparrow			2		2							
Song sparrow		10	13	1	10	9	8	1	23	1	2	19
Lapland Longspur		3	200			30		2			10	
TOTAL SPECIES-108	73	47	23	31	38	46	34	52	33	41	31	15

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a;
Immature=im,i; Plains=PLAIN, PLNS, PLN, PL; Foothills=FHL, FH;

ADDITIONAL JANUARY 1981 REPORTS:

Common Loon 1-24 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJ)
Horned Grebe 1-18 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJ)
Western Grebe 1-10 (4), 1-17 (4), 1-24 (4) Chatfield Reservoir (FJ); 1-15 (1) Cherry

- Creek Reservoir (MS); 1-19 (1) pond in Applewood, Jefferson Co. (JJC); 1-20 (1) and 1-30 (4) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC)
- Double-crested Cormorant 1-17 (2 immatures), 1-24 (2 immatures) Chatfield Reservoir (FJ)
- Great Blue Heron 1-2 (6) & 1-26 (5) Lake Sangraco, Denver (JJC)
- Greater White-fronted Goose 1-7 (1 immature) in park north of pond at Tennessee and Platte Canyon Drive (RS); 1-20 (1 adult, 1 immature) Henry's Lake, Jefferson Co. (JJC)
- Snow Goose 1-4 (1 adult) flying north with Canada Geese over I-76, 20 miles west of Fort Morgan (RB)
- Oldsquaw 1-3 (5) Chatfield Reservoir (RS); 1-20 (5) Chatfield Reservoir-"not seen at this locality on 1-30" (JJC); "Not seen at this locality on 1-31" (FJ)
- Canvasback 1-18 (4 females) & 1-24 (4 females) Chatfield Reservoir (FJ)
- Ruddy Duck 1-18 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (FJ)
- Hooded Merganser 1-10 (2 females) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 1-17 (2) Sloan's Lake, Denver (PE)
- Red-breasted Merganser 1-19 (5 males) pond in Applewood, Jefferson Co. (JJC); 1-20 (3 males) Henry's Lake, Jefferson Co. (JJC)
- Sharp-shinned Hawk 1-4, 1-18, 1-21, 1-30 (1 adult) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood (JJC); 1-22 (1 immature) 2400 Union, Colorado Springs (RB); 1-24 (1 adult) 2700 Wood, Colorado Springs (RB); 1-31 (1 adult) 4450 So. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village (JR)
- Bald Eagle 1-7 (1 adult) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC); 1-10 (2 immatures) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR); 1-19 (2 adults, 1 immature) Chatfield Reservoir (MJS); 1-20 (1 adult, 1 immature) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC); 1-30 (1 adult) Chatfield Reservoir (JJC)
- GYRFALCON 1-2 (1, dark phase) Prewitt Reservoir, Washington Co. (first found by VR with MH, DL, SL, JR). Seen again on 1-3 several miles east of Prewitt Reservoir by many observers-color photographs obtained. There are only a handful of records for Colorado, most of which are doubtful sightings or birds of questionable origin. This bird had no bands and no jesses.
- Merlin 1-10 (1) Air Force Academy (RB); 1-13 (1) 1700 Baylor, Colorado Springs (RB); 1-30 (1) 4900 Galley, Colorado Springs (RB)
- Glaucous Gull 1-10 (1 first year immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
- Thayer's Gull 1-10 (1 immature) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
- Monk Parakeet The two birds seen regularly during the month near Florida and Platte Canyon Drive apparently are escapes, possibly from a nearby pet store. At least one of the birds was observed with a band (KH)
- Snowy Owl 1-9 (1) near the Merino exit on I-76, Washington Co. (WWB)
- Ladder-backed Woodpecker 1-27 (1 female) about 200 yards south of Pueblo Dam, Pueblo Co. (DEM)
- Gray Jay 1-29 (2) Squaw Mountain, Clear Creek Co. (JJC)
- Brown Creeper 1-4, 1-7, 1-9, 1-23, 1-29 (1 or 2) 1041 Field Street, Lakewood (JJC); 1-14 (1) Southwood Drive, Lakewood (MD); 1-18 (1) 1936 So. Lincoln St., Denver (RG)
- North American Dipper 1-5 (1) Air Force Academy (RB)
- Brown Thrasher 1-1 (1) 2920 Las Vegas, Colorado Springs (RB)
- Western Bluebird 1-27 (20) south of Canon City near the Municipal Golf Course (DEM)
- Mountain Bluebird 1-29 (5) North Table Mesa, Golden (DM)
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet 1-24 (1) Morrison (JJC)
- Water Pipit 1-18 (1) South Platte River near Henderson (PE)
- Cedar Waxwing 1-13, 1-20 through 1-23, 1-28 (15-40) 1300-1500 Prairie, Colorado Springs (BR); 1-30 (35) 1900 Sussex, Colorado Springs (RB)
- Yellow-rumped Warbler 1-1 (2) Kettlecreek at Hwy. 83, El Paso Co. (RB)
- Brewer's Blackbird 1-6 (5) near Jackson Reservoir, Morgan Co. (DJ, RS)
- Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 1-29 (30-two races) Squaw Mountain, Clear Creek Co. (JJC)
- Black Rosy Finch 1-29 (1) Squaw Mountain, Clear Creek Co. (JJC)
- Brown-capped Rosy Finch 1-29 (1) Squaw Mountain, Clear Creek Co. (JJC)
- Lesser Goldfinch 1-1 (3) 2920 Las Vegas, Colorado Springs (RB); 1-10 (2) Air Force Academy (RB)
- Northern Junco ("White-winged" race) 1-17 (4) Air Force Academy (RB)
- White-throated Sparrow 1-13 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (PE)
- Swamp Sparrow 1-17 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJ)
- Lapland Longspur 1-10, 1-17, 1-24 (30-40 each day) Chatfield S.P. (FJ)

ADDITIONAL DECEMBER 1980 REPORTS

Horned Grebe 12-15 (5) Chatfield Reservoir (MJS, RS)
 Whistling Swan 12-15 (1 immature) Chatfield Reservoir (MJS, RS); 12-28 (1 adult) Pinello Ranch, Colorado Springs (RB, MC, DH, PP)
 Snow Goose 12-13 (2) Ward Lake (MJS, RS)
 Northern Goshawk 12-23 (1) Victor, Colorado (RB); 12-31 (1) Williams Canyon, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Sharp-shinned Hawk 12-12 (1 immature) Cheyenne Canyon, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Golden Eagle 12-26 (1 adult) 30th at Glenn Eyrie, Colorado Springs (RB); 12-27 (1 adult) Equestrian Center, Colorado Springs (RB); 12-31 (1 immature) Barr Lake S.P. (DLJ)
 Osprey 12-31 (1) northwest shore of Barr Lake (DLJ)
 Merlin 12-22 (1) west side of Hanna Ranch, Colorado Springs (RB, JWA); 12-24 (1) I-25 at PPCC exit, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Scaled Quail 12-6 (20) Hanover at Meridian Rd., El Paso Co. (RB)
 Common Snipe 12-6 (15) Fountain Creek a few miles south of Fountain (RB)
 Common Screech Owl 12-6 (1, road-kill) Fountain (RB)
 Long-eared Owl 12-2 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH)
 Common Flicker ("Yellow-shafted" race) 12-27 (1 male) Equestrian Center, Colorado Springs (JA, RB)
 Plain Titmouse 12-14 (5) Temple Canyon, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Bushtit 12-14 (30) Temple Canyon, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Marsh Wren 12-6 (1) Fountain Creek a few miles south of Fountain (RB); 12-27 (1) Equestrian Center, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Northern Mockingbird 12-16 (1) Baseline Road at 95th, Boulder Co. (JW)
 Mountain Bluebird 12-13 (6) Pueblo Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (RB); 12-14 (15) Penrose (RB)
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 12-21 (6) Cheyenne Canyon, Colorado Springs (RB); 12-26 (2) Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs (RB); 12-28 & 12-29 (6) Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 12-27 (1 male) Equestrian Center, Colorado Springs (JA, RB)
 Cedar Waxwing 12-1 & 12-18 (10) 1200 N. Meade, Colorado Springs (RB); 12-25 (30) Austin Bluffs, Colorado Springs (RB, JWA)
 Northern Shrike 12-14 (5) within 1 mile along Hwy. 115 south of Colorado Springs (RB)
 Loggerhead Shrike 12-6 (1) Hanover at Meridian Rd., El Paso Co. (RB)
 Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 12-23 (4) Victor, Colorado (RB)
 Black Rosy Finch 12-23 (1) Victor, Colorado (RB)
 Common Redpoll 12-23 (2) Chatfield S.P.-Plum Creek area (KH)
 White-winged Crossbill 12-30 (7) Broadmoor Hotel, Colorado Springs (RB, CC)
 Brown Towhee 12-22 (2) West Hanna Ranch, Colorado Springs (RB, JWA)
 Harris' Sparrow 12-6 (1 immature) Pueblo at Hanover Rd. (RB); 12-13 (2 adults, 1 immature) St. Charles River, Pueblo Co. (RB)
 White-throated Sparrow 12-6 (2 adults) Pueblo at Hanover Rd. (RB); 12-13 (2 adults) St. Charles River, Pueblo Co. (RB); 12-27 (2 adults) Equestrian Center, Colorado Spgs. (RB)

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MARCH 1981

- MARCH 1, Sunday. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER AND CENTENNIAL PARK. Leader: Lyle Jordan (794-1800). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at King Soopers on Federal near Bellevue. 1/2-day trip with lunch optional.
- 7, Saturday. REYNOLDS PARK, SOUTH PLATTE NEAR PINE. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) Sheridan at Hampden (US 285). *
- 8, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0577). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) Sheridan at Hampden (US 285). *
- 14, Saturday. RAPTOR TRIP TO NORTHEASTERN COLORADO. Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Voyager Inn Motel, Chambers Road at I-70. *
- 15, Sunday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Carpool at the Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot) at 7:00 A.M. Meet leader at entrance to the park at 7:30 A.M. *
- 21, Saturday. WHEAT RIDGE GREENBELT/CLEAR CREEK. Leader: Duane Nelson (420-9770). Meet at 7:30 A.M. on Youngfield immediately south of Clear Creek. *
- 22, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Carpool at 7:00 A.M. on the road on the north edge of GEICO parking lot (the round building at Alameda and Wadsworth). Meet leader at Red Rocks Trading Post at 7:30 A.M. 1/2-day trip.
- 28, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet leader at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 at South Logan) at 7:00 A.M. or at the west gate to Cherry Creek RA at 7:30 A.M. *
- 29, Sunday. BEAR CREEK GREENBELT AND RESERVOIR. Leader: Merwin Terry (237-8692). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) Sheridan at Hampden (US 285). *

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PROGRAM: "Birds of 1980" with Harold Holt.

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MERLE BARBOUR passed away in Houston, Texas, on February 19, 1981, two days shy of her ninety-first birthday. Merle added much liveliness to our field trips for at least twenty-five years and gave inspiration to all of us on how to stay young. We have a suggestion for those of you who wish to make charitable memorial contributions. Both bird watchers and garden clubs receive many requests for information on how to attract birds to the yard - in the Denver area. Although some pamphlets are available, several people are contemplating putting together a slide show to indicate what plants attract birds, what the best feeders are, bird bath arrangements, and the like. Merle's family accepted the suggestion that the Denver Audubon Society could accept donations in Merle's memory as seed money to help start this project. Send your donation to the Denver Audubon Society - 2239 East Colfax, Denver 80206 or to Hugh Kingery - 869 Milwaukee, Denver 80206 or Patricia Echelmeyer - 2695 Newland St., Denver 80214.

FEBRUARY 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- FEBRUARY 1, Sunday. Plum Creek, Castle Rock and Castlewood Canyon State Park (PLUM). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: John Bregar, Duane Nelson. (Partly cloudy in Plum Creek area, snowing at Castle Rock and Castlewood; Wind, moderate; 20°-28°). 6½ hours, 70 miles. (36 species)
- 7, Saturday. Eldorado Springs and Mesa Trail (ELDO). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Bob Jickling, Tina Jones, Ken La Borge, Dan Leister, Tina Proctor, Art and Helen Wainwright. (Brisk wind; 22°-25°). 3½ hours, 6 miles. (16 species)
- 8, Sunday. Evergreen Area (EVER). Leader: Winston William Brockner. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Warren Finch, Tina Jones, Dick Schottler, Sue

- FEBRUARY Wright. (Windy; 27°). 4½ hours, 21½ miles. (16 species)
- 14, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake State Park, Horsecreek Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, Prospect Valley, Hudson, Mile High Duck Club (NECO). Leader: Bob Andrews. Observers: John Bregar, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Warren Finch, Bobbye and Marshall Frazier, Jack and Ethel Humphrey, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Don and Jo Schrod, Ellis and Adelaide West, Ruth Wheeler, Sandy Woglemuth. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, light; 50°s). 75 miles. (40 species)
- 15, Sunday. Southwest Denver: Bear Creek Park, Bowmar, Henry's Lake, Willow Springs Ranch, Morrison Picnic Ground (SWDEN). Leader: Merwin Terry. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Kathy Bean, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Don and Lee Johnson, Kate and Diana Kittleman, Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, 5-10 MPH; 40°-60°). 5½ hours, 40 miles. (45 species)
- 21, Saturday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Picnic Ground (RRPK). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Dick Burr, Mel Gabel, Jed Swem. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, calm; 30°-45°). 3 hours, 1½ miles. (18 species)
- 22, Sunday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leaders: Nancy Jones & Helen Singer. Observers: Lorraine Chappell, Tina Jones, Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 20°-50°). 4 hours, 8 miles. (24 species)
- 22, Sunday. Denver Metro Area: Littleton, Chatfield S.P., Waterton, Morrison, Evergreen, Genesee Mountain Park, gravel pits at I-76 & 74th Ave., Rocky Mountain Arsenal (METRO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, W, 10-25 MPH; 19°-56°). 9 hours, 185 miles. (57 species)
- 28, Saturday. Southcentral Colorado: Pueblo, Burnt Mill Road to Colorado City, Walsenburg, Lathrop State Park, Cucharas Reservoir, Rocky Ford, Lake Meredith Lake Henry, Fowler (SCCO). Observers: Kathy Hawkins, Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SE, 0-15 MPH; 30°-58°). 14 hours. (62 species)
- 28, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Henry and Vi Bossman, Jean Brown, Lori Chappell, Ruth Eaton, Warren Finch, Vi Hubka, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Bob Jickling, Don and Lee Johnson, Tina Jones, Ken Lane, John and Celia Low, Thompson Marsh, Carol and Duane Nelson, Dick Pratt, Bob Righter, Dick Schottler, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Adelaide West, Ellis West, Robin Yates. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, light; 30°-54°). 7 hours, 15 miles. (46 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used below follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975.

FEBRUARY AREA HABITAT	1 PLUM FOOT	7 ELDO FOOT	8 EVER MTNS	14 NECO PLNS	15 SWDEN FH PL	21 RRPK FOOT	22 CCRA PLNS	22 METRO PL/FH	28 SCCO PLFH	28 CHAT PLNS
Western Grebe										1
Pied-billed Grebe				2				4		
Great Blue Heron								3		13
Canada Goose				150	64		1	110	825	127
Mallard				215	29		40	185	500	59
Gadwall				4				4	70	8
Common Pintail				1	3			3ma	870	9
Green-winged Teal				8	1		9	30	26	16
American Wigeon				1	30			55	30	4
Northern Shoveler								350		
Redhead								20	3000	6

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White-breasted Nuthatch	1	1		1	2			2	1	6
Red-breasted Nuthatch			1							
Pygmy Nuthatch	12		16					1		
Brown Creeper	1	1		1	2	1				6
North American Dipper					1		1	1		2
Bewick's Wren									1	
Marsh Wren									1	
Canyon Wren						2				
American Robin	6	24		1	1	7	22	2	27	5
Mountain Bluebird	3							2ma	63	
Townsend's Solitaire	3	4	1		2		8	1	8	
Golden-crowned Kinglet		1								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet										1
Northern Shrike	1	1						11m	21m	
Loggerhead Shrike									1	
European Starling	85	12		400		5	3	6	10250	2050
Yellow-rumped Warbler										54
"Audubon's" race					1					
House Sparrow	7		3	85	2		3	65	50	
Western Meadowlark	1	2		40			6	11	90	8
Red-winged Blackbird				325	2		15	30	7600	5
Brewer's Blackbird	2			20				50	2	
House Finch	87			7	3	5	1	30	3	14
Common Redpoll								1ma		
Pine Siskin	10		10					1	45	1
American Goldfinch	45			4					8	
Rufous-sided Towhee	8								15	1
Brown Towhee									5	
Northern Junco					6	6				
"White-winged" race	2									
"Slate-colored" race	4		1	2				1	1	3
"Oregon" race	38	2		20				2	40	2
Gray-headed Junco	14		4		2	1	8	1		1
American Tree Sparrow	145			60	3		4	50	4	60
Harris' Sparrow				1						
White-crowned Sparrow	21			15					10	5
Swamp Sparrow								11m		
Song Sparrow	4			7	2	1	6	13	4	5
TOTAL SPECIES-88	36	16	16	40	45	18	24	57	62	46

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Immature=im,i; Plains=PLNS,PL; Foothills=FOOT,FH; Mountains=
MTNS.

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Horned Grebe 2-1 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ); 2-14 (1) McCall's Lake, Lyons (JR); 2-24
(1) Sloan's Lake, Denver (RA); 2-27 (6) Sloan's Lake, Denver (RA)
Western Grebe 2-1 (5) & 2-7 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ)
Pied-billed Grebe 2-1 (15) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ); 2-14 (1) Lake Estes, Estes Park (RB)
Double-crested Cormorant 2-7 (2) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ)
Whistling Swan 2-7 (1 adult) Pinello Ranch, Colorado Springs (RB)

Cinnamon Teal 2-9 (1 male), 2-12 (1 male), 2-13 (1 male) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN)
Oldsquaw 2-1 (2) & 2-7 (1) Chatfield Reservoir (FJJ)
Hooded Merganser 2-14 (1 male, 1 female) Lake Estes, Estes Park (RB, JR); 2-16 (1 male, 1 female) Lake Estes, Estes Park (RB)
Red-breasted Merganser 2-22 (4) Sloan's Lake, Denver (RA)
Northern Goshawk 2-22 (1 adult) Lower Gold Camp Road, Colorado Springs (RB)
Sharp-shinned Hawk 2-17 (1 adult) 1900 block of Carlton, Colorado Springs (RB); 2-19 (1 adult) 901 Cimmaron, Colorado Springs (RB); 2-22 (1) Airport at Academy Blvd. (RB); 2-25 (1 adult) 1900 block of Carlton, Colorado Springs (RB); 2-20 (1) 1936 S. Lincoln (RG)
Golden Eagle 2-7 (2) 4 miles south of Fountain on Pueblo Rd., El Paso Co. (RB); 2-14 (1 adult) Estes Park (RB)
Merlin 2-1 (1) & 2-5 (1) 880 Babcock, Colorado Springs (RB); 2-5 (1) west Denver (RA)
White-tailed Ptarmigan 2-16 (45) Guanella Pass, Clear Creek Co. (DK)
Virginia Rail 2-9 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN)
Herring Gull 2-14 (1 adult) & 2-15 (1 adult) Lake Estes, Estes Park (RB)
Thayer's Gull 2-21 (1 immature) Sloan's Lake, Denver (RA)
California Gull 2-21 (1 adult) Sloan's Lake, Denver (RA)
Short-eared Owl 2-21 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 2-6 (1) 2nd & Ash, Denver (TM)
Gray Jay 2-14 (1) Bear Lake, Rocky Mountain N.P. (JR); 2-16 (2) Squaw Mountain, Clear Creek Co. (DK)
Clark's Nutcracker 2-16 (2) Squaw Mountain, Clear Creek Co. (DK)
Brown Thrasher 2-7 (1) & 2-28 (1) 1601 Las Vegas, Colorado Springs (RB)
Mountain Bluebird 2-7 (1 male) Pinello Ranch, Colorado Springs (RB, TB); 2-14 through 2-19 (2 males) Evergreen (DK)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 2-20 (1) 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE)
Cedar Waxwing 2-7 (3) 2695 So. Winona Court, Denver (MJS); Up to 35 reported regularly throughout the month at various locations in Colorado Springs (RB)
Northern Shrike 2-8 (1) Shoup Rd., Black Forest (RB)
Common Yellowthroat 2-7 (1 female), 2-21 & 2-22 (1 female), 2-28 (1 female) 1601 Las Vegas, Colorado Springs (RB)
Red-winged Blackbird 2-18 through 2-20 (3) Evergreen Lake, Evergreen (DK)
Rusty Blackbird 2-6 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN); 2-22 (4) 1601 Las Vegas, Colorado Springs (RB) - In town? (ED); 2-23 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (DN); 2-28 (6) 1601 Las Vegas (RB) - ?
Gray-crowned Rosy Finch 2-16 (3) Squaw Mountain, Clear Creek Co. (DK)
Black Rosy Finch 2-16 (2) Squaw Mountain, Clear Creek Co. (DK)
Lesser Goldfinch 2-22 (3) Tejon marsh, Colorado Springs (RB); 2-28 (4) 1601 Las Vegas, Colorado Springs (RB)
Field Sparrow 2-15 (1) & 2-16 (1) and for several weeks before, on ground below feeder, 5985 South Logan, Littleton (RCA)-photographed
White-throated Sparrow 2-7 (1) Pueblo at Hanover Rd. south of Fountain, El Paso Co. (JA, RB)
Swamp Sparrow 2-21 (1) Chatfield State Park (FJJ)
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"Richardson's" race	GRAY-CROWNED ROSY FINCH
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"Yellow-shafted" race	"Gray-crowned" race
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"Yellow-bellied" race	eastern races
"Red-naped" race	NORTHERN JUNCO
HAIRY WOODPECKER	"White-winged" race
"Rocky Mountain" race	"Slate-colored" race
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- 12, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leaders: Nancy Jones (458-1463) and Helen Singer (756-2808). Meet leaders at west gate to Cherry Creek RA at 7:30 A.M. *
- 18, Saturday. RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet leader at Red Rocks Trading Post at 7:30 A.M. Carpool at road along north side of GEICO parking lot at Wadsworth just north of Alameda at 7:00 A.M. 1/2-day trip. **

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- APRIL 18, Saturday. CFO/FORT COLLINS AUDUBON TRIP. DFO invited. Boreal Owls at Cameron Pass. Leader: Dr. Ronald A. Ryder (1-482-8089). Meet at 8:00 P.M. at the Cameron Pass Summit Parking Lot. Bring warm clothes, flashlight, Boreal Owl tapes (if possible).
- 19, EASTERN SUNDAY - No trip scheduled.
- 25, Saturday. SHARP-TAILED GROUSE CENSUS. Leader: Bernie Goetze (688-9148). Meet at 4:00 A.M. MST at Village Inn Parking Lot. Take north exit at Castle Rock off I-25. Carpool Coordinator: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Call if going. Trip ends about 10:00 A.M.
- 26, Sunday. WATERTON AREA. Early warblers and other migrants. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) south Sheridan at Hampden (US 285) at 6:00 A.M. Daylight Savings Time. Walking trip. *
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MARCH 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- MARCH 1, Sunday. South Platte River/Urban (URBN). Leader: Lyle W. Jordan. Observers: Lorraine Chappell, Bobbye Frazier, Hal Rupp. (Partly cloudy; Wind, 5-10 MPH; 30°-50°). 4 hours, 20 miles. (31 species)
- 7, Saturday. Deer Creek, Henry's Lake and Chatfield State Park (DEER). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Freda Krolik, Susan Murphy, Theo Colburn (Gunnison), Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy, snowing; Wind, 5-10 MPH; 30°-35°). (41 species)
- 8, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Warren Finch, Kate Kittleman, Jack Reddall, Hal Rupp. (Clear with early morning fog; 4"-6" snow cover; Wind, calm; 20°-45°). 7 hours, 35 miles. (52 species)

MARCH 14, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver, Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Prospect Reservoir, Wiggins, Goodrich, Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Orchard, Mile High Duck Club (NECOL). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Vi and Henry Bossman, Ruth Breckon, Lorraine Chappell, Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins, Freda Krolik, Bob Lee, Dan Leister, Duane Nelson, Mary Jane Schock, Robert Spencer. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW, 10-15 MPH in early A.M. becoming variable, 0-5 MPH; 33°-57°). 12 hours, 231 miles. (55 species; 11 raptor species, 86 raptor individuals)

15, Sunday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Judy Ward. Observer: Doug Ward. (Clear; Wind, calm; 40°-55°). 8 hours, 8 miles. (44 species)

21, Saturday. Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BELT). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Dick Burr, Jean Cox, Warren Finch, Judy Kaslow, Hazel Kellogg, Jack Reddall, Tim Schowalter. (Sky obscured in light drizzle turning to heavy, wet snow; Windy; 33°). (31 species)

22, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Picnic Ground (RRPK). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: None. (Clear; Wind, calm; 45°-50°). 2½ hours, ½ mile. (17 species)

28, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Shrode, Thompson Marsh. (Rain mixed with snow turning to heavy, blowing snow by mid-morning; Wind, gusty; 38°). 2½ hours, 16 miles. (15 species)

29, Sunday. Bear Creek Park, Stone House Park, Henry's Lake, Bear Creek Reservoir (BEAR). Leader: Merwin Terry. Observer: Judy Kaslow. (Clear; Wind, W, 10 MPH gusting to 70 MPH; 5 hours, 31 miles. (29 species)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used below follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975.

MARCH	1	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	29
AREA	URBN	DEER	CHAT	NECOL	BARR	BELT	RRPK	CCRA	BEAR
HABITAT	PLNS	PLNS FHL	PLNS	PLAIN	PLNS	PLNS	FOOT	PLNS	PLNS
Horned Grebe			12	6	3	2		3	
Eared Grebe						5			
Pied-billed Grebe	2								
Double-crested Cormorant	11m								
Great Blue Heron		8	9		6				
Canada Goose	164	64	72	1200	12	10		54	8
Snow Goose									
"White" form				400					
"Blue" form				4					
Mallard	101	6	47	20000	53	9		23	14
Gadwall	56	3	12	200	8	24			4
Common Pintail	20	28	15	7500	68				2
Green-winged Teal	20	2	20	25	13	7			
Cinnamon Teal			2m1f	2m1f					
American Wigeon	30	50	6	310	5	39		4	8
Redhead	10	20	200	500	30	295			20
Ring-necked Duck		8			2	13			
Canvasback	2		1m		8				
Lesser Scaup	2	30		20	28	1m1f			30
Common Goldeneye	24	13	20	25	22	6m7f			
Bufflehead	3	8	5	7	8				20

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Ruddy Duck				1fe					
Hooded Merganser						1ma			
Common Merganser	6		22	2000	10				
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1ad					
Red-tailed Hawk									
"Western" race		1a1i	4	6	1				
"Harlan's" race		1	1	1					
Rough-legged Hawk		8	2	36	2				
Ferruginous Hawk				2ad					
Buteo sp.				3	1			2	
Golden Eagle				3ad			1ad		
Bald Eagle		1im	1im	4a1i	1ad				
Northern Harrier		2	1f	9	3m13f	3fe			1
Prairie Falcon		1			1				
Merlin			B	1					
American Kestrel	1	7	1	10					
Ring-necked Pheasant	3	1		31	1m4f			8	
Virginia Rail						1H			
American Coot	24	12	20		35	11		2	20
Killdeer			2	25	4	3			2
Common Snipe						2		1	1
Herring Gull			1	250				2	
Thayer's Gull				21m					
Ring-billed Gull	15	6	1	10550	4	4			
Gull sp.								25	
Rock Dove	17	10	1	30		54	15		2
Great Horned Owl			4	22	22		1		1
Belted Kingfisher	2		1ma	1ma		1			2
Common Flicker	12								9
"Red-shafted" race		7	7	8	13	14	10	9	2
Downy Woodpecker			1m						
"Batchelder's" race			1ma		1fe				
eastern races				1ma	2f1m				
Horned Lark		195		98	150	16		8	
Blue Jay					2				
Steller's Jay							7		
Scrub Jay			11				7		
Black-billed Magpie	28	16	5	22	25	34	32	19	11
Northern Raven				1			2		
American Crow	1			2		1			
Black-capped Chickadee			8	9	10	32	1	6	3
Mountain Chickadee			2			1			
White-breasted Nuthatch				2		4m2f			
Brown Creeper			1	1		1			
Canyon Wren							5		
American Robin	2	4	52	3	12	2	5	12	5
Western Bluebird									21
Mountain Bluebird		15		56	4ma				35
Townsend's Solitaire							3		
Water Pipit				20					
Northern Shrike		2	3	2ad					
European Starling	50	54		38	2500	62	4	22	17

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House Sparrow	3		4	145	26	3			
Western Meadowlark	2	16	5	250	6		3	2	4
Red-winged Blackbird	3	11	2	1500	145	10		8	1
Brewer's Blackbird				4ma					
Common Grackle									1
House Finch	1	3	2	5	6	10	6		1
Pine Siskin				1					
American Goldfinch			10	3	5	2			
Rufous-sided Towhee		20							
Savannah Sparrow			2						
Northern Junco									
"White-winged" race									5
"Slate-colored" race		1	1	2	11		1		
"Oregon" race			5	10	12	48	31		
Gray-headed Junco							1	1	
American Tree Sparrow			58	4	25	3			
White-crowned Sparrow			4	1		17			
Lincoln's Sparrow			1						
Song Sparrow	2	4	15	2	16	7			2
TOTAL SPECIES-80	31	41	52	55	44	31	17	15	29

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Plains=PLNS, PLAIN; Foothills= FHL, FOOT; B="Bendire's" race of Merlin; H=heard only; Z=one adult on nest on dike at Barr Lake S.P.

ADDITIONAL MARCH 1981 REPORTS:

Black-crowned Night Heron 3-29 (2 adults) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (PE,DN,RS)
 Whistling Swan 3-31 (1 sub-adult) pond near Barr Lake S.P. (JJC)
 Greater White-fronted Goose 3-25 (1 adult) northeast shore line of Union Reservoir, Weld Co-with a group of 30 Canada Geese (BJ)
 Canvasback 3-26 (12) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
 Hooded Merganser 3-3, 3-9, 3-11, 3-13, 3-19, 3-22 (1 to 4 on various ponds just west of Denver city limits-"this has been a Hooded Merganser year for us since the middle of January" (JJC)
 Turkey Vulture 3-25 (1) Fountain, Colorado (RB)
 Ferruginous Hawk 3-14 (1, dark phase) south of Wiggins, Morgan Co. (RA)
 Bald Eagle 3-22 (1 immature) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (RB)
 Scaled Quail 3-27 (9) just east of Hammer at Hanover Roads southeast of Fountain (RB,TL)
 Sandhill Crane 3-25 (2) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (JA,RB)
 Virginia Rail 3-8 (2, heard only) C.F.&I. Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (JA, RB, JRW)
 American Avocet 3-29 (2, breeding plumage) Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH)
 Baird's Sandpiper 3-16 (2) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
 Thayer's Gull 3-21 (2 first year immatures) at dump at 64th & Huron, Adams Co. (RA)
 Mourning Dove 3-14 (1) Goodrich, Morgan Co. (RA)
 White-throated Swift 3-20 (4) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Red-bellied-Woodpecker 3-23 (1 male, 1 female), Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (JA, RB)
 Lewis' Woodpecker 3-14 (1) & 3-25 (1) near Union Reservoir, southeast side (BJ)
 Williamson's Sapsucker 3-23 & 3-24 (1 male) Foster Grove, Bonny Reservoir-"this bird had stripped much of the bark off of the three small (8') pine trees in the campground. I believe that he was in the immediate vicinity much longer, possibly days before we found him as evidenced by the holes and the bark removed from the trees. I photographed

the bird from close range (15'-20')" (RB, JA)
 Tree Swallow 3-23 (10) Chatfield Reservoir at Plum Creek (KH)
 Barn Swallow 3-29 (2) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN, RS)
 Cliff Swallow 3-23 (5) Chatfield Reservoir at Plum Creek (KH)
 White-necked Raven 3-25 (2) Meyers Road a few miles east of Peyton Highway southeast of Fountain (RB, EW)
 Marsh Wren 3-8 (7) C.F.&I. Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (JA, RB, JRW); 3-15 (2) Pueblo Road south of Fountain (RB); 3-20 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN); 3-25 (2) Pueblo Road south of Fountain (RB)
 Northern Mockingbird 3-2, 3-9, 3-10, 3-12, 3-20 (1) 19th & Jackson behind Conoco Station (first seen by PH, on subsequent dates by DS, WF)
 Brown Thrasher 3-15 & 3-26 (1) 1601 Las Vegas, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Curve-billed Thrasher 3-15 (2, singing), 3-26 (4), 3-27 (4), 3-28 (2) just east of Hammer at Hanover Roads southeast of Fountain (RB, TL, EW)
 Sage Thrasher 3-26 (2), 3-27 (1), 3-28 (1) just east of Hammer at Hanover Roads southeast of Fountain (RB, TL)
 Western Bluebird 3-25 (2 males, 2 females) Hanna Ranch, Fountain (JA, RB, JW)
 Mountain Bluebird 3-17 (1 male, 1 female) at the Pinery, Parker (MD)
 Cedar Waxwing 3-2 (3) above Golden (PE); 3-8 (60) Lake Minnequa, Pueblo (JA, RB, JRW); 3-22 (200) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (JA, RB); also up to 35 regularly throughout the month at various locations in Colorado Springs (RB)
 Northern Shrike 3-16 through 3-19 (2) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Loggerhead Shrike 3-15 (3, singing) Hanover Road southeast of Fountain (RB)
 Yellow-headed Blackbird 3-25 (1 male) & 3-26 (1 male) Pueblo Road south of Fountain (RB, TL, JW)
 Rusty Blackbird 3-15 (6) 1601 Las Vegas, Colorado Springs (RB)-Good details on location provided by observer-ED; 3-22 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (RS); 3-23 (1) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN)
 Common Grackle 3-26 (1) 10th & Monaco, Denver (KH)
 Purple Finch 3-21 (3 females/immatures) Chautauqua Park, Boulder (RA)
 Pine Siskin 3-17 (30-40) at the Pinery, Parker (MD)
 Brown Towhee 3-27 (3) & 3-28 (1) just east of Hammer at Hanover Rds. southeast of Fountain (RB, TL, EW)
 Lark Bunting 3-26 (4) just east of Hammer at Hanover Roads southeast of Fountain (RB, TL)
 Harris' Sparrow From 11-3-80 through March 1981 (1 immature) almost daily on feeder or below feeder at 310 Skylark Way, Boulder (BJ); 3-25 & 3-26 (1 to 4) Pueblo Road at Hanover Road south of Fountain (JA, RB, TL)
 White-throated Sparrow 3-25 & 3-26 (1) Pueblo Road at Hanover Road south of Fountain (JA, RB, TL, JW)
 Swamp Sparrow 3-8 (1 adult) C.F.&I. Reservoir, Pueblo Co. (RB, JW); 3-29 (1 immature) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DN)

CORRECTION TO FEBRUARY REPORTS:

The Ladder-backed Woodpecker reported on 2-6 (1) at 2nd and Ash, Denver should have been reported as Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. The Editor regrets this error in reporting.

ADDITIONAL FEBRUARY 1981 REPORT:

Purple Finch 2-27 (12) Bluebell Canyon, Boulder (AM, TM, BW)-"flock contained at least 5 adult males". Photographs obtained.

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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR MAY 1981

- MAY 2, Saturday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet at the Postal Station in the Crossroads Shopping Center (north of Arapahoe on 30th) at 8:00 A.M. Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at the Methodist Church (south parking lot), 38th Avenue at Wadsworth. *
- 3, Sunday. DENVER/NORTHWEST LAKES. Leader: Patty Echelmeyer (233-4947). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Sloans Lake, 25th and Sheridan. 1/2-day trip. **
- 9, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH-PRAIRIE HABITATS. Leader: Joe Rigli. Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot) at 6:30 A.M. Meet Leader at the Ranch. *
- 10, Sunday. MOTHER'S DAY-NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 16&17, Saturday and Sunday. SPRING COUNTS - Coordinator: Hugh Kingery (333-0161)
Compiler: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809)

(SPRING COUNT LEADERS PLEASE NOTE: Send the report of your count for compilation to Kathy Hawkins - 6860D East Mississippi Avenue, Denver, Colorado 80224). DO NOT send them to the Editor of the Lark Bunting).

SATURDAY: RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Duane Nelson (420-9770). Call leader for time and meeting place.

BEAR CREEK AREA. Leader: Mary Jane Schock (922-3144). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) south Sheridan at Hampden (US 285).

CHATFIELD/WATERTON. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4947) and Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) south Sheridan at Hampden (US 285).

EVERGREEN AREA. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meeting time will be 7:00 A.M. Call leader for meeting place.

SUNDAY: BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Bob Andrews (825-0293). Meet at 5:30 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot). All day walking around Barr Lake (10-12 miles).

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at 6:00 A.M. at southwest entrance to Cherry Creek Recreation Area.

BARR LAKE PERIFERY. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at 6:30 A.M. at Piccadilly Road and Bromley Lane. Will visit Mile High Duck Club, Prospect Reservoir and other lakes north and east of Barr Lake S.P.

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Paul Rechel (424-1403). Meet at northwest corner of intersection of State Highways 83 and 86 in Franktown at 7:30 A.M.

23,24,25, Saturday, Sunday & Monday. MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND-THREE DAYS IN SOUTHEAST COLORADO. CFO-DFO Joint excursion to see Snowy Plover, Least Tern, Mississippi Kite and Baca County specialties. Leader: Bruce Webb (444-0606). Meet Saturday morning either at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 6:30 A.M. (north parking lot) or between 10:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. in the downtown Central Park of Sugar City on Colorado Highway 96 about five miles east of Ordway. Camping 2 nights or make your own arrangements at motels. Phone leader for tentative itinerary and reservation. For assistance with carpooling call Field Trip Chairmen.

25, Monday. RED ROCKS PARK AND MORRISON PICNIC GROUND. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at Red Rocks Trading Post at 7:00 A.M. $\frac{1}{2}$ -day trip. **

30, Saturday. WELLINGTON LAKE/BUFFALO CREEK. Leader: Chris Blakeslee (623-6343). Meet at Pine Junction on US Hwy. 285 at 8:00 A.M. Carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) south Sheridan at Hampden (US 285). *

31, Sunday. PAWNEE NATIONAL GRASSLAND. Leader: Merwin Terry (237-8692). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History at 6:30 A.M. (north parking lot). *

* BRING LUNCH

** Recommended for beginners, $\frac{1}{2}$ -day trips; lunch optional

SUBMITTED BY: Robert Spencer (279-4682)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 26, 1981

PROGRAM: "Feathers Around the Rockies" with Joe Brannery.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Howard Rollin, the bird artist from Weldona, Colorado, has donated 28 of his paintings to the Denver Field Ornithologists. These works were on display at the DFO meeting on April 28, and will now be sold to the membership or anyone else who cares to buy one at the May 26 DFO monthly meeting. We urge all members to make a special effort to attend the May 26 meeting and make a purchase of their choice.

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APRIL 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- APRIL 4, Saturday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Vi and Henry Bossmann, Pat Colburn, David Ebell, Warren Finch, Kathy Hawkins, Lynn Johnson, Kate Kittleman, Freda Krolik, Carol Lofft, Thompson Marsh, Duane Nelson, Dick Pratt, Jack Reddall, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Mostly cloudy; Wind, 5-20 MPH; 34°-46°). 7½ hours, 28 miles. (66 species, 996+ individuals)
- 5, Sunday. Windsor Lake and Fairmount Cemetery (WLFC). Leader: Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Lorraine Chappell, Glenna Corey, Jenny Kruzel, Kenny Lane, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Leslie Parker, Mary Robinson, Tim Schowalter, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi, Eleanor and Herb Weingast. (Clear; Wind, NW, 0-5 MPH; 35°-55°). 4½ hours, 3 miles. (44 species, 492+ individuals)
- 9, Thursday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Prewitt Reservoir, Merino, Bob Elliott State Wildlife Area, Hillrose, Muir Springs Park, Jackson Reservoir, Orchard, Kersey, Latham Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear; Wind, SW, 10-25 MPH; 44°-75°). 14 hours. (68 species, 11,722+ individuals)

Common Flicker	Canyon Wren	Rusty Blackbird
"Yellow-shafted" race	Rock Wren	Brewer's Blackbird
"Red-shafted" race	Northern Mockingbird	Common Grackle
Red-bellied Woodpecker	Gray Catbird	Brown-headed Cowbird
Red-headed Woodpecker	Brown Thrasher	Western Tanager
Lewis' Woodpecker	Curve-billed Thrasher	Scarlet Tanager
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker	Sage Thrasher	Summer Tanager
Williamson's Sapsucker	American Robin	Northern Cardinal
Hairy Woodpecker	Hermit Thrush	Rose-breasted Grosbeak
"Rocky Mountain" race	Swainson's Thrush	Black-headed Grosbeak
eastern races	Veery	Blue Grosbeak
Downy Woodpecker	Eastern Bluebird	Indigo Bunting
"Batchelder's" race	Western Bluebird	Lazuli Bunting
eastern races	Mountain Bluebird	Dickcissel
Ladder-backed Woodpecker	Townsend's Solitaire	Evening Grosbeak
No. Three-toed Woodpecker	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher	Cassin's Finch
Eastern Kingbird	Golden-crowned Kinglet	House Finch
Western Kingbird	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	Pine Grosbeak
Cassin's Kingbird	Water Pipit	Gray-crowned Rosy Finch
Scissor-tailed Flycatcher	Bohemian Waxwing	Black Rosy Finch
Great Crested Flycatcher	Cedar Waxwing	Brown-capped Rosy Finch
Ash-throated Flycatcher	Northern Shrike	Common Redpoll
Eastern Phoebe	Loggerhead Shrike	Pine Siskin
Say's Phoebe	European Starling	American Goldfinch
Willow Flycatcher	Gray Vireo	Lesser Goldfinch
Least Flycatcher	Solitary Vireo	Red Crossbill
Hammond's Flycatcher	Red-eyed Vireo	Green-tailed Towhee
Dusky Flycatcher	Warbling Vireo	Rufous-sided Towhee
Gray Flycatcher	Black-and-White Warbler	Brown Towhee
Western Flycatcher	Tennessee Warbler	Lark Bunting
Empidonax sp.	Orange-crowned Warbler	Savannah Sparrow
Western Pewee	Nashville Warbler	Grasshopper Sparrow
Olive-sided Flycatcher	Virginia's Warbler	Baird's Sparrow
Horned Lark	Northern Parula Warbler	Vesper Sparrow
Violet-green Swallow	Yellow Warbler	Lark Sparrow
Tree Swallow	Magnolia Warbler	Rufous-crowned Sparrow
Bank Swallow	Black-thr. Blue Warbler	Cassin's Sparrow
Rough-winged Swallow	Yellow-rumped Warbler	Black-throated Sparrow
Barn Swallow	"Myrtle" race	Sage Sparrow
Cliff Swallow	"Audubon's" race	Northern Junco
Gray Jay	Black-thr. Gray Warbler	"Slate-colored" race
Blue Jay	Townsend's Warbler	"White-winged" race
Steller's Jay	Black-thr. Green Warbler	"Oregon" race
Scrub Jay	Chestnut-sided Warbler	Gray-headed Junco
Black-billed Magpie	Bay-breasted Warbler	American Tree Sparrow
Northern Raven	Blackpoll Warbler	Chipping Sparrow
White-necked Raven	Ovenbird	Clay-colored Sparrow
American Crow	Northern Waterthrush	Brewer's Sparrow
Pinyon Jay	MacGillivray's Warbler	Field Sparrow
Clark's Nutcracker	Common Yellowthroat	Harris' Sparrow
Black-capped Chickadee	Yellow-breasted Chat	White-crowned Sparrow
Mountain Chickadee	Hooded Warbler	White-throated Sparrow
Plain Titmouse	Wilson's Warbler	Fox Sparrow
Bushtit	American Redstart	Lincoln's Sparrow
White-breasted Nuthatch	House Sparrow	Swamp Sparrow
Red-breasted Nuthatch	Bobolink	Song Sparrow
Pygmy Nuthatch	Western Meadowlark	McCown's Longspur
Brown Creeper	Yellow-headed Blackbird	Lapland Longspur
North American Dipper	Red-winged Blackbird	Chestnut-coll. Longspur
House Wren	Orchard Oriole	
Winter Wren	Northern Oriole	
Bewick's Wren	"Baltimore" race	
Marsh Wren	"Bullock's" race	

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- APRIL 11, Saturday. Boulder/Flagstaff Mountain Hawk Watch (9:00 A.M.-11:00 A.M.); Base-line Reservoir, Walden Lakes, Prince Lakes (11:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.) (BOLDR). Leader: Bruce Webb (Hawk Watch). Observers: Jerry Alliger, Bob Andrews, Margaret Auld, David and Phyllis Baker, Marian Brandenburg, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Dan Chiros, Helen Cronin, Jerry Dunphy, Mark Holmgren, Joe Krieg, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Pat Montakeb, Val Root, Don and Jo Shrode, Merwin Terry, Sam Tibbet, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler, Jim and Valerie York. Observers: (Boulder lakes) Marguerite Brockmeyer, Don and Jo Shrode, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy; Wind, 8-12 MPH; 65°-75°). (29 species, 377+ individuals).
- 12, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leaders: Nancy Jones & Helen Singer. Observers: Dorothy and Joe Bregar, Lorraine Chappell, Hazel Kellogg, Ken Lane, Don and Jo Shrode, Merwin Terry, Vito Tursi. (Clear; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 40°-70°). 3½ hours, 12 miles. (37 species, 633+ individuals)
- 12, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Monument Hill, Winkler Ranch, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Rocky Mountain Arsenal, Barr Lake S.P., Prospect Reservoir, Mile High Duck Club, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, SW, 0-15 MPH; 40°-72°). 12½ hours. (86 species, 7990+ individuals).
- 15-18, Wednesday through Saturday. Latilong Block 13: Lincoln, southern Washington, and eastern Elbert Counties including Limon, Hugo, Agate, River Bend, Last Chance, Anton, Genoa, Arriba, Kinney Lake (LAT13). Observers: Frank and Jan Justice. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, moderate, but up to 30 MPH one day; 45°-75°). 656 miles, 36 hours in the field. (70 species, 1564+ individuals).
- 18, Saturday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Picnic Ground (RRP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Jim Adams, Virginia Black, Ruth Breckon, Glenna Corey, Mary Dexter, Patty Echelmeyer, Warren Finch, Therese Gregory, Ethel and Jack Humphries, Alicia Kamm, Karl Kamm, Richard Kamm, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi, Barbara Wehrfritz, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast; Wind, calm; 55°-65°). 4½ hours, 1½ miles. (23 species, 160+ individuals).
- 18, Saturday. CFO/Fort Collins Audubon Trip. Leader: Dr. R. A. Ryder. No report received.
- 19, Easter Sunday. No trip scheduled.
- 19, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Greenland, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Castle Rock, Louviers, Waterton, Chatfield S.P., McClelland Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCO). Observers: Kathy Hawkins, Jack Reddall. (Overcast with occasional rain becoming cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, NE, 0-25 MPH; 51°-62°). 10½ hours, 148 miles. (82 species, 2806+ individuals).
- 25, Saturday. Sharp-tailed Grouse Census: Castle Rock (CR). Leaders (Colorado Division of Wildlife): Bernie Goetze, Maureen Murphy, Herman Schultz. Coordinator: Bob Spencer. Observers: Ruth Breckon, John Bregar, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Warren Finch, Terry Flageolle, Freda Krolik, Ken La Borde, David Martin, Harold and Betty Oliver, Don and Jo Shrode, Dave and Colleen Ward. (Partly cloudy; Wind, calm; 50°-60°). (24 species, 235+ individuals)
- 25, Saturday. "BIRD-A-THON": Castle Rock, Greenland, Jackson Creek, Sedalia, McClelland Reservoir, Chatfield S.P., Henry's Lake, Wheat Ridge Greenbelt (BIRD). Observer: Bob Spencer. (Clear; Wind, calm; warm). (62 species, 557+ individuals)
- 26, Sunday. Waterton/Chatfield S.P. (CHAT). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Violet Armour, John Bregar, Warren Finch, Barbara Graham, Reed Kelley, Faye Kindig, Ken Lane, Dona and Roland Olderog, Dick Pratt, Bob Righter, Dick Schottler, Tim Showalter, Don and Jo Shrode, Ann Southcote, John Toolen, Barabara Wehrfritz, Al Wuth. (61 species, 818+ individuals)

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APRIL 26, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Castlewood Canyon S.P., Winkler Ranch, Castle Rock, Louviers, Waterton, Chatfield S.P., Morrison, Red Rocks Park, gravel pits at I-76 & 74th Ave., Bromley Lane to Prospect Reservoir, Latham Reservoir, Mile High Duck Club (NCCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, variable, 0-10 MPH; 45°-84°). 13½ hours, 270 miles. (95 species, 3654+ individuals)

NOTE: "English Nomenclature" used below follows that adopted by the American Birding Association in the ABA CHECKLIST: Birds of Continental United States and Canada, First Edition, 1975)

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Horned Grebe	31	15	11			5			51		1	9	2
Eared Grebe		1				9	1		1			7	48
Western Grebe			120		50	100			35		2	34	37
Pied-billed Grebe	3	1	4		1	2	1		4		1	6	15
American White Pelican			62			28							4
Double-crested Cormorant	4		14			45			30		16	20	34
Great Blue Heron	72		63	3		25	2		80		17	86	74
Snowy Egret												2	1
Black-crowned Night Heron													4
White-faced Ibis			1	1									
Canada Goose	49		90	25	45	16			18		16	22	50
Mallard	50	20	2000	30	30	700	35	3	75	6	61	26	150
Gadwall	30	10	375	8	30	600	3		200		17	2	100
Common Pintail	9		100	4		185	10						15
Green-winged Teal	75		250	30	20	130	15		8		2	12	40
Blue-winged Teal	2		30	1		60	25		8		4	18	35
Cinnamon Teal	12		4			40	2		4		1	32	6
American Wigeon	30	30	170			500	4		30				20
Northern Shoveler	2	2	2500		25	1000	17		75	2	2	31	55
Wood Duck	8								1m1f			11	1P
Redhead	5	6	90		30	20	2		25		8		1m
Ring-necked Duck		8	18	40		1ma			2m1f		4	4	
Canvasback		2fe	1fe				6						
Lesser Scaup	20	40	180		25	550	15		125		6		7
Common Goldeneye	15		6			2fe			7fe		2	2fe	
Bufflehead	6	3fe	30			3m7f	2		25		4	9	2P
Ruddy Duck		1fe	45		28	350			7				
Common Merganser	7	10	20	1					1m1f				
Turkey Vulture	2		1	18		11			20				2
Northern Goshawk												1	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	2			6			1					1a	
Accipiter sp.				7									
Cooper's Hawk							1				2		
Red-tailed Hawk				7	1		42	1		1	11m	1	
"Western" race	5		7			3			5a11			2a	2ad
"Harlan's" race	1												
Swainson's Hawk			2	2		5	12		4			1	3
Rough-legged Hawk			3			3	8		1				2
Ferruginous Hawk	1						2						
Golden Eagle				1			1	1ad			11m		
Northern Harrier	3	1fe	2m4f		4	2m4f	5		1m2f	1f			4
Osprey									1		1		
Prairie Falcon	2								1				1

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Merlin	2					1							
American Kestrel	10		22	6	6	19	13	2	14	2	9	6	6
Falcon sp.				3									
raptor sp. (?)				11									
Sharp-tailed Grouse						6				25	5		
Common Bobwhite			2H										
Ring-necked Pheasant			6m3f		6	3m1f			2				11
American Coot	60	1	150	30	60	400	1		500		122	181	500
American Avocet			16	11		23	2						20
Killdeer	11	6	50	1	8	60	24		7	4	4	3	35
Mountain Plover							1						
Greater Yellowlegs	2	2	8	2	1	6	4		3		1	1	3
Lesser Yellowlegs			1				3					3	3
Willet													4
Wilson's Phalarope													20
Common Snipe	8		30			2						2	
Long-billed Dowitcher						1						1	2
Sanderling							1						
Semipalmated Sandpiper							5						2
Western Sandpiper						1	15						18
Least Sandpiper													19
Baird's Sandpiper	2					1	3						6
Herring Gull	2	2				3			11m				
California Gull	3	1ad		40		30			2			2	8
Ring-billed Gull	6	60	215		25	14			7		2	28	55
Franklin's Gull			3										
Bonaparte's Gull							1						
Forster's Tern											2		
Rock Dove		8	55		3	25	40	31	200	11	35		2 36
Mourning Dove		3	6		2	5	45		5	30	3	4	10 70
Barn Owl							1						
Great Horned Owl	5		2			1	5		1a2y	1	3	34?	3
Burrowing Owl			1		3	1	1		1		1	1	1
Long-eared Owl					2N								
White-throated Swift				60				8					1
Belted Kingfisher	3		1ma			1			1ma		3	5	1
Common Flicker					5					2			
"Yellow-shafted" race			3				11					1	
"Red-shafted" race	13	22	12			8	1	6	8		5	5	4 4
Lewis' Woodpecker						7			3		4		1
Hairy Woodpecker			1H		2								
"Rocky Mountain" race	1												1f
eastern races	1												
Downy Woodpecker		3			1	1H	5	1			3	7	3
"Batchelder's" race	1												
eastern races	4		1ma						1m1f				
Say's Phoebe	2		2				10		1	2	1		1
Horned Lark	1		6		1	35	200		50	10	2	3	14
Violet-green Swallow						1			35				25
Tree Swallow	9								90		1	3	2
Rough-winged Swallow						1						1	3
Barn Swallow	3		2			7	4		4		7	5	12

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Blue Jay		1	3			1			2	9	1		
Steller's Jay						4			6		1		6
Scrub Jay						10		9	3			4	5
Black-billed Magpie	19	45	20	12	25	55	3	15	15	15	18	7	2 20
Northern Raven	1			4				2N	1	7	2		1
American Crow	2	1	5		2	9	2		75	3		3	2 2
Black-capped Chickadee	3	3	8		9	15		3	10		2	7	2 2
Mountain Chickadee	1					3	6	1	5				6
White-breasted Nuthatch	2					2						2	2
Pygmy Nuthatch						15			2				20
Brown Creeper		1											
North American Dipper								2					
House Wren											1	8	3 9
Marsh Wren						1							3
Canyon Wren						2H		5	3H				2H
Rock Wren							4	1	1H		5		
Northern Mockingbird							1						
Sage Thrasher									1				
American Robin	24	28	32	1	10	35	35	15	35	8	11	7	20 30
Western Bluebird	14					1m1f			1m1f				2
Mountain Bluebird	75	4				14	4		10	5	2		5
Townsend's Solitaire							15						
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1								1H				
Water Pipit							5						
Cedar Waxwing							10						
Loggerhead Shrike							6		1			1	
European Starling	150	40	300	2	40	300	70	19	180	6	21	24	2 298
Warbling Vireo											1		
Orange-crowned Warbler							1						
Yellow-rumped Warbler													
"Myrtle" race							3				1	7	
"Audubon's" race											1	10	3
House Sparrow		10	210			255	140	3	25		6		250
Western Meadowlark	20	7	250	6	50	400	300	7	200	64	17	33	5 295
Yellow-headed Blackbird			40		2	110	9		10		1		225
Red-winged Blackbird	40	3	4000	3	70	1500	100		100	8	38	10	5 395
Brewer's Blackbird		1ma				20						1	10 16
Common Grackle		20	30	1		75	120		100	8	17	10	1 174
Brown-headed Cowbird							4					2	2 1
Evening Grosbeak								3					
Cassin's Finch	1ma												
House Finch		18	10		8	20	20		20		12		65
Pine Siskin	6	10				15			150			5	35
American Goldfinch		2	4			16	42		12				1 6
Rufous-sided Towhee	8					25		20	30		7	21	40 15
Lark Bunting						1ma							
Savannah Sparrow						2							1
Vesper Sparrow	1		1			4	85		6	6	8	6	9 3
Northern Junco					1								
"White-winged" race		1											
"Slate-colored" race	1												
"Oregon" race	12	20				6							

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Gray-headed Junco	5					2			2				1
American Tree Sparrow	1												
Chipping Sparrow							7		1		1		3
White-crowned Sparrow	4	15	4			1			1ad		3	2	2
Lincoln's Sparrow			1										
Song Sparrow	10	4	3		2	2		2	6		3	11	2 16
McCown's Longspur							2						
TOTAL SPECIES-178	66	44	68	29	37	86	70	23	82	24	62	61	95

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a;
Immature=im,i; Plains=PLNS, PLN, PL; Foothills=FHL,FH; Heard
only=H; Observed on nest=N; Downy young=y; Nest found=Z; Pair=P.

ADDITIONAL APRIL 1981 REPORTS:

Common Loon 4-21 (1 adult, breeding plumage) McClelland Reservoir, Arapahoe Co. (JJC)
Horned Grebe 4-18 (100+) Waterton (HK)
Green Heron 4-25 (1) Chatfield S.P. at Plum Creek (FJJ)
Cattle Egret 4-4 (1 adult, breeding plumage) 3 miles south of Fountain, El Paso Co. (RB);
4-5 (1) Mile High Duck Club, Adams Co. (HK); 4-12 (1 adult, breeding plumage) 3 miles
south of Fountain, El Paso Co. (RB)
Snowy Egret 4-11 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 4-12 (1) Fountain (RB)
Black-crowned Night Heron 4-4 (6) Habitat Park, South Platte River, Denver (KH,JR); 4-5
(6 adults in single flock) Wheat Ridge Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (JJC); 4-12 (1 adult)
Pueblo Rd. south of Fountain, El Paso Co. (RB)
White-faced Ibis 4-12 (5) Chatfield S.P. (ME); 4-12 (5) Ramah Reservoir, El Paso Co.
(JA,RB); 4-27 (14) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS); 4-27 (60) Cherry Creek Reservoir (MS)
Hooded Merganser 4-21 (1 male, 1 female) Henry's Lake, Jefferson Co. (JJC)
Northern Goshawk 4-9 (2) Genesee Mountain Park, Jefferson Co. (JJC); 4-28 through 4-30
(1 adult) Equestrian Center, Colorado Springs (RB)
Sharp-shinned Hawk 4-30 (1) Bear Creek Reservoir, Jefferson Co. (ME,MS)
Cooper's Hawk 4-11 (1) Chatfield S.P.-"killed, plucked and ate a magpie" (FJJ)
Broad-winged Hawk 4-12 & 4-25 (1 adult) Waterton (FJJ); 4-18 (1) Waterton (HK)
Osprey 4-12 (1) Fountain (JA,RB); 4-14 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JJC); 4-25 (1) Chat-
field S.P. (FJJ)
Merlin 4-5 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
Virginia Rail 4-18 (1), 4-25 (1), 4-27 (1) Robbins Dasher (ME)
Sora 4-5 (1) Pueblo Rd. south of Fountain, El Paso Co. (JA,RB); 4-18 (1), 4-25 (1),
4-27 (1) Robbins Dasher (ME)
Mountain Plover 4-12 (4) Ellicott Highway a few miles north of Squirrel Creek Rd. (JA,RB)
Semipalmated Plover 4-24 (2) Marston Reservoir, Jefferson Co. (PE)
Marbled Godwit 4-24 (2) Marston Reservoir, Jefferson Co. (PE); 4-30 (1) Cherry Creek
Reservoir (DS)
Long-billed Curlew 4-12 (1) Ramah Reservoir, El Paso Co. (JA,RB); 4-30 (2) Cherry Creek
Reservoir (DS)
Willet 4-25 (5) Ramah Reservoir, El Paso Co. (JA,RB); 4-27 (42) Cherry Creek Reservoir
(MS)
Baird's Sandpiper 4-10 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
Franklin's Gull 4-4 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH,JR)
Bonaparte's Gull 4-16 (1) Windsor Lake, Aurora (MS)
Monk Parakeet 4-17 (1) backyard, 4450 So. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village - most likely
an "escape" (DR,JR)
Long-eared Owl 4-5 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 4-30 (2, with one on nest) Cherry Creek
Reservoir (DS)

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Poor-will 4-15 (several heard only) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (JA, RB)
 Common Flicker ("Yellow-shafted" race) 4-5 (1 male) Ramah Reservoir, El Paso Co. (JA, RB);
 4-25 (1 female) Fountain (RB)
 Lewis' Woodpecker 4-14 (3) Daniel's Park, Douglas Co. (JJC); 4-18 (4) Highway 67 at Plum
 Creek (JA, RB, AE)
 Williamson's Sapsucker 4-2 (2 males) & 4-10 (2 males, 1 female) Genesee Mountain Park,
 Jefferson Co. (ME); 4-18 (1 male) Indian Creek Campground west of Sedalia (RB)
 Downy Woodpecker 4-20 (1 female) 861 Southwood Drive, Littleton (MD)
 No. Three-toed Woodpecker 4-19 (1 male) Cameron Pass, Larimer/Jackson Co. (JA, RB, AE)
 White-necked Raven 4-25 (2) Hanna Ranch, Fountain (RB)
 Plain Titmouse 4-9 (2) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Common Bushtit 4-21 (2) and 4-23 (3) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Northern Mockingbird 4-11 (1), 4-12 (1), 4-25 (2) Hanover Rd. south of Fountain, El Paso
 Co. (RB)
 Brown Thrasher 4-2 (1) Mile High Duck Club, Adams Co. (BR)
 Hermit Thrush 4-23 (1) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet 4-19 (1 male) 1748 So. Van Gordon Court, Lakewood (DS)
 Cedar Waxwing 4-3 (3) BowMar, Jefferson Co. (MJS); 4-22 through 4-28 (90) Garden-of-the-
 Gods, Colorado Springs (RB); 4-25 (10) and 4-26 (7) 1041 Field St., Lakewood (JJC)
 Loggerhead Shrike 4-4 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (KH, JR)
 Black-and-white Warbler 4-26 (1 male) Rye (RB)
Worm-eating Warbler 4-19 (1) Waterton (DK)
 Orange-crowned Warbler 4-23 (1) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Virginia's Warbler 4-21 (1) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (RB)
Grace's Warbler 4-26 (1) south of Rye (RB, DG)
 Northern Oriole ("Bullock's" race) 4-29 (2 males) Roswell Park, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 4-30 (2 males, 1 female) Equestrian Center, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Lazuli Bunting 4-30 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
 Pine Grosbeak 4-19 (1 male, 1 female) Cameron Pass, Larimer/Jackson Co. (JA, RB, AE)
 American Goldfinch 4-18 through 4-26 (3 males, 2 females) at thistle feeder, 861 South-
 wood Drive, Littleton (MD); all month (up to 10 individuals) at thistle feeder, 4450
 So. Alton St., Cherry Creek Village (DR, JR)
 Lesser Goldfinch 4-16 (3 males) Garden-of-the-Gods, Colorado Springs (RB)
 Green-tailed Towhee 4-30 (1) 1748 So. Van Gordon Court, Lakewood (DS)
 Harris' Sparrow 4-4 (2) Bear Creek Dam, southwest side, Jefferson Co. (MJS); 4-12 (4)
 F. Martin Brown ranch, Colorado Springs (JA, RB)
 White-crowned Sparrow 4-12 through 4-24 (3) at various times feeding on ground under
 feeder, 861 Southwood Drive, Littleton (MD)

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3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 16, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).

DATE: 9
 TIME: _____
 MILES COVERED: _____
 BY CAR _____
 ON FOOT _____
 OTHER (_____) _____
 TOTAL _____

LOCALITY: _____

OBSERVERS: _____

WEATHER: _____

TOTALS: SPECIES _____
 INDIVIDUALS _____

WIND: _____

TEMPERATURE: _____

Common Loon
 Arctic Loon
 Red-necked Grebe
 Horned Grebe
 Eared Grebe
 Western Grebe
 Pied-billed Grebe
 American White Pelican
 Double-crested Cormorant
 Great Blue Heron
 Green Heron
 Cattle Egret
 Great Egret
 Snowy Egret
 Black-crown. Night Heron
 Yellow-crown. Night Heron
 American Bittern
 White-faced Ibis
 Whistling Swan
 Canada Goose
 Gtr. White-fronted Goose
 Snow Goose
 "White" form
 "Blue" form
 Mallard
 American Black Duck
 Gadwall
 Common Pintail
 Green-winged Teal
 Blue-winged Teal
 Cinnamon Teal
 "Blue-winged" Teal sp.
 American Wigeon
 Northern Shoveler
 Wood Duck
 Redhead
 Ring-necked Duck
 Canvasback
 Greater Scaup
 Lesser Scaup
 Common Goldeneye
 Barrow's Goldeneye
 Bufflehead
 Oldsquaw
 White-winged Scoter
 Surf Scoter
 Ruddy Duck
 Hooded Merganser
 Common Merganser
 Red-breasted Merganser
 Turkey Vulture
 Mississippi Kite

Northern Goshawk
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 Golden Eagle
 Bald Eagle
 Northern Harrier
 Osprey
 Prairie Falcon
 Peregrine Falcon
 Merlin
 American Kestrel
 Blue Grouse
 White-tail. Ptarmigan
 Gtr. Prairie Chicken
 Lsr. Prairie Chicken
 Sharp-tailed Grouse
 Sage Grouse
 Common Bobwhite
 Scaled Quail
 Gambel's Quail
 Ring-necked Pheasant
 Chukar
 Wild Turkey
 Sandhill Crane
 Virginia Rail
 Sora
 American Coot
 Black-necked Stilt
 American Avocet
 Semipalmated Plover
 Killdeer
 Piping Plover
 Snowy Plover
 Mountain Plover
 Lesser Golden Plover
 Black-bellied Plover
 Marbled Godwit
 Whimbrel
 Long-billed Curlew
 Upland Sandpiper
 Greater Yellowlegs
 Lesser Yellowlegs
 Solitary Sandpiper
 Willet
 Spotted Sandpiper

Ruddy Turnstone
 Wilson's Phalarope
 Northern Phalarope
 Common Snipe
 Long-billed Dowitcher
 Red Knot
 Sanderling
 Semipalmated Sandpiper
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 Least Sandpiper
 White-rumped Sandpiper
 Baird's Sandpiper
 Pectoral Sandpiper
 Dunlin
 Stilt Sandpiper
 Glaucous Gull
 Herring Gull
 Thayer's Gull
 California Gull
 Ring-billed Gull
 Franklin's Gull
 Bonaparte's Gull
 Sabine's Gull
 Forster's Tern
 Common Tern
 Black Tern
 Band-tailed Pigeon
 Rock Dove
 Mourning Dove
 Yellow-billed Cuckoo
 Black-billed Cuckoo
 Greater Roadrunner
 Barn Owl
 Common Screech Owl
 Flammulated Screech Owl
 Great Horned Owl
 Snowy Owl
 Northern Pygmy Owl
 Burrowing Owl
 Long-eared Owl
 Short-eared Owl
 Saw-whet Owl
 Poor-will
 Common Nighthawk
 Black Swift
 Chimney Swift
 White-throated Swift
 Black-chin. Hummingbird
 Broad-tail. Hummingbird
 Rufous Hummingbird
 Calliope Hummingbird
 Belted Kingfisher



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

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MAY 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- MAY 2, Saturday. Boulder, Bluebell Canyon, ponds east of town (BO). Leader: Bob Jickling. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Glenna Corey, Virginia and Tom Faxon, Hazel Kellogg, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Vito Tursi. (Clear becoming overcast; Wind, 5-40 MPH; 62°-78°). 10 hours, 60 miles. (59 species, 789+ individuals).
- 2, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Pawnee National Grasslands (Federal Experimental Range northeast of Nunn), La Salle, Latham Reservoir, Ireland Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, Mile High Duck Club, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCO). Observers: Kathy Hawking, Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, variable, 0-15 MPH; 62°-80°). 13½ hours, 253 miles. (91 species, 4131+ individuals)
- 3, Sunday. Lakes northwest of Denver (DL). Leader: Patty Echelmeyer. Observers: Paul Aberle, Lorraine Chappell, Maurice and Trudy Kline, Genny Kruzel, Dick and Marie Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi. (Cloudy; warm). 4 hours, 10 miles. (39 species, 163+ individuals)
- 8,9&10, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Latilong 13 (Limon): Eastern Elbert and Lincoln Counties, Limon, River Bend (L13). Observers: Frank and Jan Justice. (5-8: Cloudy; Wind, 20 MPH; 55°; 5-9: Cloudy, rain, sleet, snow; Wind, 30-40 MPH; 37°-50°; 5-10: Clear; Wind, 5-10 MPH; 35°-65°). 253 miles. (70 species, 1890+ individuals)
- 9, Saturday. Rigli Ranch, Morgan County (RR). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Chuck Durham, Emily Durham, Warren Finch, Bobbye Frazier, Marshall Frazier, Tina Jones, Thompson Marsh, Bob Spencer, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Overcast to cloudy; Wind, NNE, 5-10 MPH; 45°-55°). 6½ hours, 50 miles. (40 species, 419+ individuals)

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MAY 31, Sunday. Latham Reservoir and Pawnee National Grassland (PNG). Leader: Merwin Terry. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Scott Hecker (Prescott, Arizona), Don and Lee Johnson, Tina Jones, Ken LaBorde, Ken Lane, Kathy Lane, David Lane, Dick Pratt, Neal Reynolds, Dick Schottler, Ted Stockmar, Sue Wright. (Clear in A.M; cloudy in late P.M. with thundershowers; Wind, 5-15 MPH; 50°-75°). 12 hours, 210 miles. (78 species, 1176+ individuals)

MAY AREA HABITAT	2 BO FP	2 NCCO PLNS	3 DL PL	8,9 &10 L13 PLN	9 RR PL	10 BAR PLN	12 SEC P/F	13 SECO PLNS	15 BCO PLN	16&17 COUNT PL/FH	19 SR MT	20 NEC PLN	21 NEC PLN	23- 25 SEC PLN	25 RRP FHL	30 WB MT	31 PNG PLN
Common Loon		1					1	1		1		1					
Horned Grebe			1														
Eared Grebe	2	21		4		1	130	85				58	82	35			3
Western Grebe	40	30	4			265	30	1		40		4	8	90			20
Pied-billed Grebe	4	5	2			1	24	3		4		2	2	1			2
American White Pelican		28										45	111	5			2
Double-crested Cormorant		90				40				71		13	50	2			14
Great Blue Heron	1	8	1		1	10	13	5		81		25	30				1
Green Heron								1									
Snowy Egret		1								2	1						
Black-crwn. Night Heron	4					4ad				8		1ad		2			2
American Bittern																	3
White-faced Ibis	24	16				6	10	21						5			
Canada Goose	30	30	12			4	1			55		120	80				12
<u>Snow Goose</u> "White" form		1a11															
Mallard	20	130	15	30	7	80	100	2	4	146	5	50	60	15	2	10	21
Gadwall	14	60	2			90	150	125		21		40	50	22			2
Common Pintail	8	50		6	4	16		2		9		25	40	6			3
Green-winged Teal		40	1	8		8	22	14		11		10	20	2			2
Blue-winged Teal	40	50		21		60	25	65	3	62	1	25	30	2			10
Cinnamon Teal	12	12				10	10			28		1ma	18	3			7
Teal sp.										1							
American Wigeon	2	7				4	16	50		3		35	20				
Northern Shoveler	30	60	4	5		50	180	60		56		30	30	19			8
Wood Duck										5		2ma	3ma				
Redhead	3	4m2f	1	2		1P	69	60		17		10	1ma	110			15
Ring-necked Duck	11																
Canvasback														3			
Lesser Scaup							14					1P	3	2			5
Bufflehead	5		6				12f					1f	1f	1			
Ruddy Duck		26	3	1		10	75	2				11	10	2			
<u>Red-breasted Merganser</u>												1P					
Turkey Vulture	1								9	5	2		1	14		17	
<u>Mississippi Kite</u>														15			
Sharp-shinned Hawk											1					1	
Cooper's Hawk																	
Accipiter sp.															1		
Red-tailed Hawk										6			1				1
"Western" race		11m		2		11m	1		1		2	2				2N	
"Kriders" race							1										
Broad-winged Hawk										1							
Swainson's Hawk		14		4Y	4	8	3	3	3	7		4	3	6			6
Rough-legged Hawk		1				1											
Ferruginous Hawk		1ad										1ad		1			1
Buteo sp.										3							

	2	2	3	8,9	9	10	12	13	15	16&17	19	20	21	23-	25	30	31
MAY	BO	NCCO	DL	L13	RR	BAR	SEC	SECO	BCO	COUNT	SR	NEC	NEC	SEC	RRP	WB	PNG
AREA	FP	PLNS	PL	PLN	PL	PLN	P/F	PLNS	PLN	PL/FH	MT	PLN	PLN	PLN	FHL	MT	PLN
HABITAT																	
Golden Eagle									1ad					1	1ad		
Northern Harrier		2ma								5		1ma	3ma				
Osprey							2	1		1		1		1			
Prairie Falcon		1								1							
Merlin			1														
American Kestrel	8	10	1	9	2	9	12	11	6	18		10	4	4	3		2
<u>Lesser Prairie Chicken</u>												4H	1H	1	2		
Common Bobwhite														17			
Scaled Quail														5			
Ring-necked Pheasant	1	7			6	4	1ma		1ma	10		7	4	5			1
Virginia Rail		1H					9										
Sora		1H					9			4							
American Coot	60	80	2	15	2	125	900	200		39		250	200	75			15
Black-necked Stilt							4	2						6			
American Avocet	35	60		2		14	55	90		15		16	11	14			6
Semipalmated Plover	2						1			1							
Killdeer	30	45	3	15	2	20	19	25	3	57	2	30	40	20		1	11
Snowy Plover								2						5			
Mountain Plover		7						3						2			14
Black-bellied Plover		1					3										
<u>Hudsonian Godwit</u>								1									
Marbled Godwit							21	21									
<u>Whimbrel</u>								1									
Long-billed Curlew								2						3			
<u>Upland Sandpiper</u>		2			1							1					
Greater Yellowlegs				1			2										
Lesser Yellowlegs		3		1		1	1	1		1		2					
Solitary Sandpiper							1										
Willet	1	2					6	3									
Spotted Sandpiper		3	5	7		1	5	4	1	23	2	14	9	1		5	5
Wilson's Phalarope	30	140	1	60		135	875	3500		114		40	25	2			12
Northern Phalarope								65		1		1fe	7	15			
Common Snipe		3								3							1
Long-billed Dowitcher	1	5				25	40	60		30		6	8				
Sanderling								2									
Semipalmated Sandpiper						6	5	26				15	1				
Western Sandpiper	6	1								1							
Least Sandpiper		2				5	65	35		2		2					
White-rumped Sandpiper								3				3					
Beird's Sandpiper		8		19													
Pectoral Sandpiper		2								6							
Stilt Sandpiper						1	10	90		1		35	25				
<u>Herring Gull (very late?)</u>											1						
California Gull	3	10	3				1	10		19							
Ring-billed Gull	60	75	1			5	500	600		44		15	18	5			3
Franklin's Gull		10					75	110				1		1			
Bonaparte's Gull								31m				11m		2			
Gull sp.										15							
Forster's Tern		4	3			10	35	60		2		1	2	7			2
<u>Least Tern</u>														2			
<u>Black Tern</u>						11	60	215		3		50		34			5

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Band-tailed Pigeon										6							
Rock Dove	20	35	10	19	30	11	18	15	65	58		2	115	7	14		6
Mourning Dove	4	150	10	150	32	180	90	125	75	238	16	130	125	207	2	2	150
Yellow-billed Cuckoo									1				1	2			
Greater Roadrunner									1					1			
Barn Owl														1			
Common Screech Owl														2			
Great Horned Owl	1	1		2	5	3im				6	1H	1		3	4Z		1
Burrowing Owl		2			2	1				3		1	1	2			6
Long-eared Owl										7							
Short-eared Owl										1							
Poor-will										2			1	1			
Common Nighthawk												1	2	4			3
Chimney Swift	7						2			2		6	6	4			
White-throated Swift										25	2					8	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird							3			14	4			1	1	13	
Belted Kingfisher	3	1	1				1ma		1	8	2	2	3	2		3	
Common Flicker	4		2									15					2
"Yellow-shafted" race				15									1	1			
"Red-shafted" race		3		2		10	1	2	2	26	2		6	2	2	3	
Red-headed Woodpecker				6				1	1			3	7	15			
Lewis' Woodpecker	1						1	1	14					18			
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker																2	
Williamson's Sapsucker											1					1m	
Hairy Woodpecker									1H	2				1			
"Rocky Mountain" race		1fe									1						
Downy Woodpecker										6				2			
eastern races		1ma				1fe											
Ladder-backed Woodpecker								1						2			
Eastern Kingbird						2	1	3		6		25	35	6			3
Western Kingbird		5		45	20	18	35	80	50	19		30	65	104		1	20
Cassin's Kingbird				1			1		2					5		1	
Great Crested Flycatcher												1					
Ash-throated Flycatcher									2					6			
Eastern Phoebe									1			1	1	4			
Say's Phoebe		2		4	1		1		2			1		2			2
Least Flycatcher								1				2	2				
Western Flycatcher						1									1		
Empidonax sp.										2	5			1			
Western Pewee								1		1	1	1	2	2	1		2
Olive-sided Flycatcher										1				1			
Horned Lark		150		80	25	10	115	40	85	27		60	45	500			250
Violet-green Swallow										1673	32				10	26	
Tree Swallow	10	2					10			256	34	1	1			30	
Bank Swallow			1				15			2		3	1	6			
Rough-winged Swallow				2			100	1		58		50	10	11		1	
Barn Swallow	20	60	10	30	4	475	450	300	6	576	2	350	300	28	15	50	
Cliff Swallow				30		35	475	300	200	278		275	350	365	160	16	20
Blue Jay		1		4			2					4	6	4			
Steller's Jay	5									8	5					7	
Scrub Jay							3		1	20				1	4		
Black-billed Magpie	12	35	3		14	50	21	30	3	107	4	3	8	5	13	9	1

MAY AREA HABITAT	2 BO FP	2 NCCO PLNS	3 DL PL	8,9 &10 L13 PLN	9 RR PL	10 BAR PLN	12 SEC P/F	13 SECO PLNS	15 BCO PLN	16&17 COUNT PL/FH	19 SR MT	20 NEC PLN	21 NEC PLN	23- 25 SEC PLN	25 RRP FHL	30 WB MT	31 PNG PLN
Northern Raven							18		3	8				7	1	4	
White-necked Raven								1	9					5			
American Crow	10	2	1				2	1	15	14		1	1	4		3	1
Pinyon Jay						9	1	1		17		6	3		6	1	
Black-capped Chickadee										9						2	
Mountain Chickadee	3										6						
Plain Titmouse														5			
Bushtit									1					3			
White-breasted Nuthatch						1				2	2					1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch										1							
Pygmy Nuthatch										5	4						
North American Dipper										4						1	
House Wren	2			8	2	50	3	10		37	2	75	60	2	3	3	
Bewick's Wren							1		16					11			
Marsh Wren		8					3										1
Canyon Wren							1H		2H	6				1	8		
Rock Wren				2			1H		3					16			
Northern Mockingbird				2									1	2			1
Gray Catbird										5		3		1	4		
Brown Thrasher				4	1		1	2				10	6	2			2
Curve-billed Thrasher									3N								
American Robin	14	8	5	20	2	15	8	13	4	119	9	18	28	3	11	8	1
Hermit Thrush						1											
Sveinson's Thrush				9	7					6		5	22	2	1		6
Gray-cheeked Thrush				1													
Veery												1	1				2
Western Bluebird										2	14					2N	
Mountain Bluebird										7	30					4	
Townsend's Solitaire										7	2					1N	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet					1					1						1	
Water Pipit											4			1			
Cedar Waxwing				15									3	20			
Loggerhead Shrike		7		14Y	3	1	5	1				1		15			4
European Starling	20	120		30	8	190	65	50	12	190		40	75	10	7	19	5
Bell's Vireo												10	2				
Solitary Vireo				1													
Red-eyed Vireo										2			1				
Philadelphia Vireo													1				
Warbling Vireo						1		1		10		1	7	1			1
Black-and-white Warbler				1				1fe				1ma					
Tennessee Warbler													2		2	2	
Orange-crowned Warbler				5						1							
Virginia's Warbler	3					1ma				8					1		
Yellow Warbler				8		1ma	2	11		59	1	35	30	5	6	1	2
Yellow-rumped Warbler										2							
"Myrtle" race				3	1					3	1						
"Audubon's" race			2	5	1	6	50	25	1m	30	60			2	2	7	
Black-throated Green Warbler													1m				
Chestnut-sided Warbler													2m				
Ovenbird												1					
Northern Waterthrush				1			2	1		1		1	1				
MacGillivray's Warbler																	2

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Common Yellowthroat				6			11	1ma	1	19		8	3				4
Yellow-breasted Chat								1fe		8		4	2	2	4		2
Wilson's Warbler				1	1		1ma	1fe									
American Redstart				1						2		1fe	1				
House Sparrow	16	250	12	40	99	225	175	80	15	272		45	90	11		2	5
Bobolink								1ma				6ma	5ma	1			
Eastern Meadowlark												1	2				
Western Meadowlark	28	500	2	100	17	175	130	175	35	188		300	225	200	5	1	75
Yellow-headed Blackbird	18	800	2	2	5	75	60	15		156		25	45	30			30
Red-winged Blackbird	24	450	10	50	71	75	135	100		434	2	350	280	16		16	25
Orchard Oriole												5	14	2			15
Northern Oriole																	10
"Baltimore" race												8	20				
"Bullock's" race				2	4	12	2	12	15	40	1m			29	13		
Brewer's Blackbird		5		150		2	45	4		15			1fe	7	7	5	10
Great-tailed Grackle							1P										
Common Grackle	40	200	12	75	11	200	400	500	5	141		400	300	14	1	2	5
Brown-headed Cowbird		16	1	18	1	15	5	125	5	25	18	100	80	12	8	6	
Western Tanager										34				4		3	
Rose-breasted Grosbeak								1fe		2				1			
Black-headed Grosbeak						1fe	1ma	1ma		15		3		1	6		
Blue Grosbeak									2m					10			
Indigo Bunting										2		2ma		2			
Lazuli Bunting									2m	8		1ma	1fe	2X	1		
Evening Grosbeak	5									24						4	
Cassin's Finch											35						
House Finch	9	20	5	30		5	15	1		8		1P	10		5		
Pine Siskin	12						1			24	5			5		23	
American Goldfinch	5	5		13				2ma		18	1	30	30	5	1	3	7
Green-tailed Towhee		1		1		1					7	1			1	1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	1			1						60					21		
"Spotted" races												6					
eastern races												1fe	2ma				
Brown Towhee							1		6					4			
Lark Bunting		18		250	10	1ma	20	250	375			11	6	425			200
Savannah Sparrow		7					3										1
Grasshopper Sparrow												5		10			1
Vesper Sparrow		9		4						14							3
Lark Sparrow		2		75	2		6	14	20	4	4	12	3	17			2
Rufous-crowned Sparrow														3			
Cassin's Sparrow												1		25			
Gray-headed Junco								1		13	58					7	
Chipping Sparrow		1		300	2	6	10	20		8	42	10		1			
Clay-colored Sparrow				22	2			2									
Brewer's Sparrow		10			2												7
White-crowned Sparrow	1	1ad		16	4		4			5	3			1			
Lincoln's Sparrow				2			1			1		1					
Song Sparrow	3	2	2			11				24				1			
McCown's Longspur		30													1		11
Chestnut-coll. Longspur		35															2
TOTAL SPECIES-233	59	91	39	70	40	72	102	95	51	130	46	113	101	133	41	49	78

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a;
Immature=im,i; Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL,P; Foothills=FHL,FH,F;
Mountains=MT; Heard only=H; Nest found=N; Pair=P; 2 hybrids:
IndigoXLazuli Bunting=X; 2 nests found=Y; 1 adult and 3 imm-
atures=Z.

ADDITIONAL MAY 1981 REPORTS:

Common Loon 5-3 (1 adult, breeding plumage) Chatfield S.P. (FJ,JJ)
Cattle Egret 5-24 (1) flew over yard, headed southwest, 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS);
5-30 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJ,JJ)
American Bittern 5-30 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (JR)
Wood Duck 5-16 (1 male, 1 female) Fountain (RB)
Canvasback 5-10 (1 male) Windsor Lake, Aurora (KH,JL)
Red-breasted Merganser 5-8 (1 female) Evergreen Lake, Evergreen (DK); 5-19 (1 male, 1 fe-
male) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (DR,JR)
Mississippi Kite 5-14 (5 adults) Lamar City Park (DR,JR); 5-16 (1 adult) Lamar cemetery,
Lamar (JR)
Swainson's Hawk 5-24 (25+) circling ("Chimney") at 88th Ave. and Tower Rd., Adams Co. (JR)
Golden Eagle 5-11 (1 adult) Muddy Creek Ranch, Pueblo Co. (DR,JR)
Osprey 5-3 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJ,JJ); 5-9 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (RB); 5-19 (1) &
5-20 (1) Chatfield S.P. (DLJ); 5-19 (1) Julesburg Reservoir, Sedgwick Co. (DR,JR)
Peregrine Falcon 5-14 (1 adult) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (JR)
Blue Grouse 5-2 (1) Lookout Mountain, Jefferson Co. (PE)
Scaled Quail 5-11 (3) along Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo Co. (DR,JR); 5-14 (1) Lamar (JR);
5-14 (3) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (JR)
Sora 5-23 (1) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. at 9800' (CH,KH)
Semipalmated Plover 5-4 (1), 5-13 (1), 5-14 (1) Chatfield S.P. (DLJ); 5-15 (1) "Pinery",
Parker (TG)
Black-bellied Plover 5-24 (3) Latham Reservoir, Weld Co. (JR)
Marbled Godwit 5-3 (2) Chatfield S.P. (DLJ); 5-3 (15) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR);
5-4 (2), 5-5 (2), 5-13 (3) 5-19 (15) Chatfield S.P. (DLJ); 5-19 (30) Red Lion State Wild-
life Area, Logan Co. (JR)
Whimbrel 5-15 (1) Chatfield S.P. (KH)
Upland Sandpiper 5-19 (2) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (DR,JR); 5-19 (1)
Sedgwick (DR,JR)
Willet 5-3 (8), 5-4 (8), 5-5 (8) Chatfield S.P. (DLJ)
Northern Phalarope 5-19 (5) Chatfield S.P. (DLJ)
Red Knot 5-9 (6) Cherry Creek Reservoir (SK). An incredible sighting! Most of the scat-
tered reports are of single birds in Colorado-ED.
Sanderling 5-9 (6) Cherry Creek Reservoir (SK); 5-15 (1) Chatfield S.P. (KH); 5-24 (1)
Chatfield S.P. (FJ,JJ)
White-rumped Sandpiper 5-19 (15) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (JR)
Pectoral Sandpiper 5-13 (1) Chatfield S.P. (DLJ); 5-24 (2) farm ponds, Weld Co. Rds.
6&61 (JR)
Stilt Sandpiper 5-23 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJ)
Bonaparte's Gull 5-5 (1 immature), 5-13 (1 immature), 5-20 (1 immature) Chatfield S.P.
(DLJ)
Caspian Tern 5-13 (2), 5-14 (1) Chatfield S.P. (DLJ)
Barn Owl 5-14 (1 adult) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (JR); 5-17 (1 adult) Bonny Reserv-
oir, Yuma Co. (JR)
Great Horned Owl 5-20 (1 adult, 3 immatures) Chatfield S.P. (DLJ)
Long-eared Owl 5-23, 5-24 & 5-31 (family group-2 adults, 2 immatures) Chatfield S.P.
(FJ,JJ)
Chimney Swift 5-8 (1) South Platte River at Overland Pond, Denver (KH); 17th & Williams,
Denver (KH)
Hairy Woodpecker 5-7 & 5-8 (1 male, 1 female) "Pinery", Parker (TG)

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- Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 5-24 (1 male, 1 female) Greenhorn Rd., Custer Co. (JA,RB)
 Eastern Kingbird 5-3 (1) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
 Ash-throated Flycatcher 5-3 (5) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo (RB)
 Eastern Phoebe 5-19 (1) South Platte River, Crook (JR)
 Least Flycatcher 5-14 (1) Lake Hasty Recreation Area, Bent Co. (JR); 5-14 (1) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (JR); 5-17 (2) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (JR); 5-19 (1) South Platte River, Crook (JR)
 Hammond's Flycatcher 5-24 (1) Bluebell Canyon, Boulder (JR)
 Western Pewee 5-12 (1) Bear Creek Park, Jefferson Co. (DLJ)
 Olive-sided Flycatcher 5-16 (1) Lamar cemetery (JR); 5-24 (1) Gregory Canyon, Boulder (DL,SL,JR)
 Bank Swallow 5-8 (80) Overland Sandpit, Denver (KH)
 Rock Wren 5-8 (2) & 5-20 (2) Botanic Gardens, Denver (MS)
 Gray Catbird 5-24 (1) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. at 9800' (CH,FH,KH)
 Veery 5-14 (1) Lake Hasty Recreation Area, Bent Co. (DR,JR); 5-17 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (JR); 5-19 (1) Ovid (JR)
 Western Bluebird All month (1 pair, 5 young) nesting in bluebird box, "Pinery", Parker (TG)
 Mountain Bluebird 5-31 (1 pair, 6 eggs) nesting in bluebird box, "Pinery", Parker (TG)
 Townsend's Solitaire 5-27 (1) 8481 E. Thunderhill Heights, Parker (TG)
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 5-25 (2) Temple Canyon, Canon City (JA,RB)
 Cedar Waxwing 5-11 (1) 4450 So. Alton St., Englewood (JR)
 Bell's Vireo 5-19 (8) Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. (JR)
 Solitary Vireo ("plumbeous" race) 5-11 (1) Castlewood Canyon S.P. (DR,JR)
 Black-and-white Warbler 5-14 (1 male) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca Co. (JR)
Worm-eating Warbler 5-10 (1 banded) returned 5-11 (1) 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora (MS)
 Tennessee Warbler 5-10 (1) Bear Creek Equestrian Center, Colorado Springs (JA,RB); 5-24 (1 female) behind Ball Brothers, Boulder (SL,JR)
 Orange-crowned Warbler 5-19 (1) Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. (JR)
 Virginia's Warbler 5-2 (1) Lookout Mountain, Jefferson Co. (PE)
 Black-throated Gray Warbler 5-25 (4) Temple Canyon, Canon City (JA,RB)
 Townsend's Warbler 5-16 (1 female) Lamar cemetery (JR)
 Ovenbird 5-19 (1, heard only) Julesburg (JR); 5-20 (3) near Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs (RB,LH)
 Northern Waterthrush 5-15 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (DLJ); 5-16 (1) Stratton Home, Colorado Springs (RB,EW); 5-17 (1) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (JR)
 MacGillivray's Warbler 5-23 (1 singing male) 4450 So. Alton St., Englewood (JR); 5-24 (2 singing males-heard only) Gregory Canyon, Boulder (DL,SL,JR)
 Common Yellowthroat 5-3 (5) Cherry Creek Reservoir (JR)
Hooded Warbler 5-24 (1 singing male) Gregory Canyon, Boulder (DL,SL,JR-first found by BW a few days earlier)
 American Redstart 5-10 (1 female) Rigli Ranch, Morgan Co. (JR1); 5-10 (1 male) Bear Creek Equestrian Center, Colorado Springs (JA,RB); 5-16 (1 female) Lamar cemetery (JR)
Eastern Meadowlark 5-14 (1) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca County-"located approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile downstream from the dam in an open area of short grasses spotted with yucca. Observed perched on top of a yucca emitting two clear, unbroken whistles. When flushed, it fluttered a short distance uttering a dry, buzzing call - 'dzzrrt' characteristic only of the Eastern Meadowlark" (JR)
 Rose-breasted Grosbeak 5-14 (1 female) Lake Hasty Recreation Area, Bent Co. (DR,JR); 5-21 (1) Chatfield S.P. (PE); 5-30 (1 male, 1 female) near Deckers (DD)
 Blue Grosbeak 5-14 (1 male) Lake Hasty Recreation Area, Bent Co. (DR,JR)
 Indigo Bunting 5-17 (1 male, 2 females) Bonny Reservoir, Yuma Co. (JR); 5-24 (1 male) Gregory Canyon, Boulder (DL,SL,JR)
 Lazuli Bunting 5-10 (1 male) Rigli Ranch, Morgan County (JR1)
 Pine Grosbeak 5-24 (1 male, 1 female) Greenhorn Rd., Custer Co. (JA,RB)
Cassin's Sparrow 5-30 (3) southeast of Fountain, El Paso Co. (RB,EW)
Black-throated Sparrow 5-2 (1) & 5-3 (1) Chatfield S.P. (AS,FW,JJ,HK,UK)

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Northern Junco ("Oregon" race) 5-31 (1 singing male) 4450 So. Alton St., Englewood-"hung around the yard all day singing high up in the cottonwoods" (JR)
Lincoln's Sparrow 5-14 (1) below Two Buttes Dam, Baca County (JR)
Song Sparrow 5-23 (1) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. at 9800' (CH,KH)
McCown's Longspur 5-16 (1 female) south of Yoder (TB,RB,PK,EW)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

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The many friends of Sadie Morrison will be saddened to learn of her death on May 8 in Nebraska. Sadie was a long time member of the Denver Field Ornithologists and will always be remembered for leading those interesting field trips in the Lower Bear Creek area.

We must also report the passing of Patsy Lestina, wife of DFO member, Ron Lestina. Our sympathies are extended to Ron and his family.

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NOTICE! Be sure to buy your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series directly from Harold Holt at future Denver Field Ornithologists' meetings. Forty percent of all sales made to DFO members will be turned over to our treasury.

"LIFERS WANTED LIST". If you are a beginner bird-watcher and would like to know when a particular bird new to your "Life List" is around the Denver area, please send your "wanted list" together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder - at 161 Del Mar Circle, #8, Aurora, Colorado 80011.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed for the month of July, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Check-List order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 16, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
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6. Please notify the Editor (Tel: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JULY 1981

- JULY 4, Saturday. HIGHLINE CANAL/CASTLEWOOD AREAS.** Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 at South Logan) at 6:30 A.M. Bring picnic lunch. Trip ends after lunch. *#
- 5, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.**
- 11, Saturday. SOUTH PARK/GEORGIA PASS.** Leaders: Carol Hack (777-7893) and Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Carpool at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) south Sheridan at Hampden (US 285) at 7:00 A.M. Meet in Jefferson at 9:00 A.M. at Self-Service station across from Texaco *
- 12, Sunday. COAL CREEK CANYON/ELDORA.** Leader: Gail Shickley (1-258-3358). Carpool at 7:00 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th Avenue and Wadsworth, south parking lot. *

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ULY 18, Saturday. COAL CREEK CANYON/LOS LAGOS RANCH. Leader: Robert Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th Avenue and Wadsworth, south parking lot. *

19, Sunday. REYNOLDS PARK/CONIFER AREA. Leader: Les Robinette (986-2332). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) South Sheridan at Hampden (US 285) at 7:30 A.M. *

25, Saturday. FILIUS PARK, SQUAW MOUNTAIN, ECHO LAKE & SUMMIT LAKE. Leader: Lynn Willcockson (757-7000). Carpool at Dry Creek Shopping Center (US 285 and South Logan) at 7:30 A.M. Meet at Filius Park at 8:00 A.M. *#

26, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK/MORRISON PICNIC GROUND. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at Red Rocks Trading Post at 7:00 A.M. 1-day trip. Lunch optional. #

*BRING LUNCH

Submitted by: Bob Spencer (279-4682)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

#Recommended for beginning birders

MAY 16 AND 17, 1981

KATHY HAWKINS, Compiler

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK (CCSP). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: None.
(Dense fog, heavy rain; Wind, 5-10 MPH; 40°-44°). (31 species)

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DATE AREA HABITAT	MAY 16				MAY 17				TOTAL
	RRPK FOOT	BRCK PLNS	C/W PLNS	EVER MTNS	BARR PLNS	CCRA PLNS	PFRY PLNS	CCSP FOOT	
Cooper's Hawk								1	1
Red-tailed Hawk			3	2				1	6
Broad-winged Hawk					1				1
Swainson's Hawk					5		2		7
Buteo sp.					1	1	1		3
Northern Harrier					1	1	3		5
Osprey			1						1
Prairie Falcon			1						1
American Kestrel		3	3	1	7	2	2		18
Ring-necked Pheasant					3	6	1		10
Sora				2		1	1		4
American Coot			4		10	10	15		39
American Avocet					8		7		15
Semipalmated Plover							1		1
Killdeer		6	8		25	1	12	5	57
Lesser Yellowlegs			1						1
Spotted Sandpiper		1	9	8	1	1	1	2	23
Wilson's Phalarope			22		60		32		114
Northern Phalarope							1		1
Common Snipe					2		1		3
Long-billed Dowitcher						30			30
Western Sandpiper			1						1
Least Sandpiper					2				2
Pectoral Sandpiper					4		2		6
Stilt Sandpiper							1		1
California Gull		4	5		10				19
Ring-billed Gull		4	5		30	1	4		44
Gull sp.			15						15
Forster's Tern							2		2
Black Tern						2	1		3
Band-tailed Pigeon				6					6
Rock Dove	31	4	4	1	3		7	8	58
Mourning Dove	5	14	12	6	150	12	35	4	238
Great Horned Owl	1	1a11	1		1a11				6
Burrowing Owl					2		1		3
Long-eared Owl					1a31		1a21		7
Short-eared Owl							1		1
Poor-will								2	2
Chimney Swift							2		2
White-throated Swift	25								25
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	4		3	4				3	14
Belted Kingfisher		7	1						8
Common Flicker									
"Red-shafted" race	2	8	4	1	5	2	2	2	26
Hairy Woodpecker				2					2
Downy Woodpecker	1	1	1	2	1				6
Eastern Kingbird			1		2		3		6
Western Kingbird			1		4	2	12		19
Empidonax sp.			1		1				2
Western Pewee					1				1
Olive-sided Flycatcher			1						1
Horned Lark			5		10	1	11		27
Violet-green Swallow	4	6	1655	3	2		3		1673

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	RRPK FOOT	BRCK PLNS	C/W PLNS	EVER MTNS	BARR PLNS	CCRA PLNS	PFRY PLNS	CCSP FOOT	
Tree Swallow			250	5			1		256
Bank Swallow			2						2
Rough-winged Swallow			2			50	6		58
Barn Swallow		1	57	3	45	200	270		576
Cliff Swallow	8		15		200		55		278
Steller's Jay				8					8
Scrub Jay	4							16	20
Black-billed Magpie	16	20	6	6	20	16	17	6	107
Northern Raven	1			2				5	8
American Crow			6	5			2	1	14
Black-capped Chickadee	5		4		5	1		2	17
Mountain Chickadee				6				3	9
White-breasted Nuthatch				2					2
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1					1
Pygmy Nuthatch				3				2	5
North American Dipper	4								4
House Wren	1	6	16	2	8			4	37
Canyon Wren	5							1	6
Gray Catbird	1		3			1			5
American Robin	20	35	7	35	4	8	5	5	119
Swainson's Thrush	1	1			4				6
Western Bluebird				1m1f					2
Mountain Bluebird				2m3f				2	7
Townsend's Solitaire				7					7
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1								1
European Starling	16	38	13	9	20	29	55	10	190
Red-eyed Vireo	1		1						2
Warbling Vireo		1	9						10
Orange-crowned Warbler			1						1
Virginia's Warbler	8								8
Yellow Warbler	6	9	31		5	6	1	1	59
Yellow-rumped Warbler			2						2
"Myrtle" race	1		1		1				3
"Audubon's" race	9	6	6	8	1				30
Northern Waterthrush		1							1
Common Yellowthroat		4	6		2	6	1		19
Yellow-breasted Chat	2		6						8
American Redstart			2						2
House Sparrow		4	1		50		215	2	272
Western Meadowlark	9	16	14	7	55	18	37	32	188
Yellow-headed Blackbird		1			85	5	65		156
Red-winged Blackbird		42	15	22	100	40	175	40	434
Northern Oriole									
"Bullock's" race	9	11	7		10	2	1		40
Brewer's Blackbird	5			8	2				15
Common Grackle	1	24	5	1	50	15	45		141
Brown-headed Cowbird	11	1	5	5	3				25
Western Tanager	3		31						34
Rose-breasted Grosbeak	2ma								2
Black-headed Grosbeak	6	1	3	3				2	15
Indigo Bunting			2						2
Lezuli Bunting	7		1						8
Evening Grosbeak	2			22					24

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	RRPK FOOT	BRCK PLNS	C/W PLNS	EVER MTNS	BARR PLNS	CCRA PLNS	PFRY PLNS	CCSP FOOT	
House Finch	5	1		1	1				8
Pine Siskin			4	20					24
American Goldfinch		5	12		1				18
Rufous-sided Towhee	32	2	6					20	60
Vesper Sparrow			5	5				4	14
Lark Sparrow					2		2		4
Gray-headed Junco				10				3	13
Chipping Sparrow			1	4	1		2		8
White-crowned Sparrow		4		1					5
Lincoln's Sparrow					1				1
Song Sparrow	1	8	5	2		8			24
TOTAL SPECIES-130	39	42	74	45	66	35	58	31	130
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS-6614	226	340	2561	275	1154	534	1281	197	6618

1980 SPRING COUNT RESULTS: TOTAL SPECIES-137
TOTAL INDIVIDUALS-6996

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

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JUNE 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JUNE 6, Saturday. Roxborough Park (RP) and Waterton area (WT). Leaders: Susan Kraner and Carol Jones (RP); Warren Finch (WT). Observers: Jerry Alliger, Marguerite Brockmeyer, John and Joyce Cooper, Art and Beth Jackson, Don and Lee Johnson, Freda Krolik, Harold and Betty Oliver, Elaine Rogers, Dick Schottler, Byron and Dorsee Tucker, Martha Ann Weber, Ruth Wheeler. (Wind, calm; 55°-80°). 3 hours, at RP (34 species, 131+ individuals). 2 hours at WT (27 species, 53+ individuals).
- 7, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Briggsdale, Crow Valley Park, Sterling, G. D. Davidson Ranch (Washington County), Kersey, Latham Reservoir, Ireland Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6 & 61 (NECO). Observers: Diane Larson, Steve Larson, Jack Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, SW, 10-25 MPH; 63°-92°). 12 hours, 217 miles. (70 species, 2649+ individuals).
- 7, Sunday. White Ranch, Jefferson County (WR). Leader: Marguerite Brockmeyer. Observers: None. (Clear; Wind, light; 75°-80°). 3 hours, 28 miles. (21 species, 191+ individuals).
- 13, Saturday. Perry Park, Douglas County (PP). Leader: Jerry Alliger. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Lorraine Chappell, Freda Krolik, Bob Spencer, Martha Ann Weber, Ruth Wheeler, Erna Mae Weidner, Roger Weidner. (Clear to partly cloudy; Wind, moderate, occasionally gusty; 70°-85°). 8½ hours, 14 miles. (42 species, 132+ individuals).
- 14, Sunday. Franktown, Castlewood Canyon S.P. and Winkler Ranch (CWSP). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Bill Boggess, Mary Dexter, Sally Karp, Frank and Jan Justice, Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NE, 5-10 MPH; 50°-70°). 5 hours, 32 miles. (62 species, 394+ individuals).

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- JUNE 19, Friday. Northcentral Colorado: Castlewood Canyon S.P., Winkler Ranch, Castle Rock, Sedalia, Louviers, Waterton, Henry's Lake, Red Rocks Park, Brighton, La Salle, Latham Reservoir, Ireland Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir (NCCO). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (High scattered clouds becoming mostly cloudy; Wind, variable, 0-15 MPH; 50°-90°). 12 hours, 254 miles. (105 species, 3413+ individuals)
- 20&21, Saturday and Sunday. Gunnison area (GUNISON). Leader: Kate Kittleman. Observers: Chris Blakeslee, Lorraine Chappell, Bob Righter, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; Wind, calm; 38°-92°). (61 species, 1529+ individuals)
- 24, Wednesday. Rocky Mountain National Park-eastern edge nesting trip (RMNP). Leader: Warner Reeser. Observers: Heinz Adam, Inge Adam, Marilyn Allison, John Amozoso, Anne Anderson, Inez Baker, Margo Chadwick, Margaret Conner, Madelle Cowan, Camille Cummings, Dorothy Dines, Ruth Eaton, Megan Elliott, Vivian Gilbert, Ruth Hopfenbech, R. R. Hawley, Vi Hubka, Barbara Hyde, Bob Jickling, Don Johnson, Lee Johnson, June Kistler, Dodie Phelps, Vivian Pliler, Lois Mathews, Ted Mathews, Dick Schottler, Wilbert F. Snyder, Vito Tursi, Marjorie Walsh, Emma Warren, Ruth Wheeler, Louise Winterburn. (Clear; 68°). (35 species, 209+ individuals)
- 28, Sunday. Sedalia, Jarre Canyon, Deckers, Westcreek, Wildhorn Campground, Divide, Woodland Park, Colorado Springs (WCRK). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, variable, 10-15 MPH; 75°-80°). 5 hours, 89 miles. (39 species, 164+ individuals)
- 28, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Picnic Ground (RRP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Paul Aberle, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Ken Lane, Ann Southcott. (Sunny; Wind, calm; 65°-75°). 5 hours, 1½ miles. (37 species, 309+ individuals)

JUNE AREA HABITAT	6 RP FH	6 WT PL	7 NECO PLNS	7 WR MT	13 PP FH	14 CWSP FOOT	19 NCCO FHPL	20&21 GUNISON MTN WSL	24 RMNP MTNS	28 WCRK FHMT	28 RRP FHL
Eared Grebe			1				76				
Western Grebe			20				100				
Pied-billed Grebe			6				5				
American White Pelican							7				
Double-crested Cormorant		1	5				20				
Great Blue Heron		4	3		1		7	1			
Snowy Egret			1				2				
Black-crowned Night Heron							1ad				
American Bittern			1H								
Canada Goose			6				9				
Mallard		4	30				50	20	1	3fe	
Gadwall			3				5				
Common Pintail			1fe				132				
Green-winged Teal			1ma				1ma				
Blue-winged Teal		1	20				4				
Cinnamon Teal			6				3ma				
American Wigeon							2m2f				
Northern Shoveler			10				2ma				
Wood Duck							1ma				
Redhead			11				19				
Lesser Scaup			1m2f								
Ruddy Duck							95				
Turkey Vulture					1	32	30	1		6	
Sharp-shinned Hawk	1					1ad		2			
Red-tailed Hawk	1			1	3				1		
"Western" race						7	5	4		1ad	
Swainson's Hawk	1		5			2		1			
Ferruginous Hawk			1		1			1			

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Golden Eagle								5			1ad
Northern Harrier			1ma								
American Kestrel	5	1	4				8				1
Ring-necked Pheasant			3ma				3H				
Sora			1H								
American Coot			35			1	150				
American Avocet			7				16Y				
Killdeer		2	35		2	1	50				
<u>Upland Sandpiper</u>			1								
Wilson's Phalarope			4				4				
Common Snipe			1				1	1			
California Gull							1				
Ring-billed Gull	11		3				35	2			
Franklin's Gull			4								
Black Tern							6				
Rock Dove	6		11			2	65	18			10
Mourning Dove	8	4	200	2	7	15	175	2	2	3	1
Yellow-billed Cuckoo							1				
Flammulated Screech Owl								1		1N	
Burrowing Owl			2				1				
<u>Saw-whet Owl</u>							1H				
Poor-will								4H			
Common Nighthawk			2				1	5	16		
Chimney Swift			2								
White-throated Swift	12						5	8			10
Broad-tailed Hummingbird	2	1		1	8	5	7	7	17	11N	15
Belted Kingfisher		1			1	1	3	1			
Common Flicker											
"Red-shafted" race	2		1		3	2	7	3	3N	2	2
Lewis' Woodpecker						1					
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker								1	5N		
"Red-naped" race										2N	
Williamson's Sapsucker									4N	2N	
Hairy Woodpecker									2N		
"Rocky Mountain" race						1ma				1ma	
Downy Woodpecker									2N		
eastern races							3				
Eastern Kingbird			4			3	2				
Western Kingbird		2	60			1	25				
Say's Phoebe		1	2				1	1			
Hammond's Flycatcher									2		
Dusky Flycatcher									1W		
Western Flycatcher						4	5	1		1	1H
Empidonax sp.					1			4			
Western Pewee					3	6	5		8N	2	
<u>Vermilion Flycatcher</u>			1PN								
Horned Lark			200			4	30	10			
Violet-green Swallow	5			5		45	55	20	66	14N	17
Tree Swallow				25				6	10	22N	
Rough-winged Swallow			1		2	6	3	6			
Barn Swallow		1	75		1	2	80	80	50	4	1

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Cliff Swallow			2			8	7	130 20			100
Steller's Jay				1	2H	2	4	2 5	7	1	
Scrub Jay	3				1	3	6			1	5
Black-billed Magpie	4		15	2	5	8	35	41 83	3	2	15
Northern Raven	2				1			12 3	3		2
American Crow	2		2			2	4	3		2	
Pinyon Jay								3			
Black-capped Chickadee	3				2H		2				
Mountain Chickadee				1		4	6	2 1	4N	4	
White-breasted Nuthatch				1		2	2		2N		
Pygmy Nuthatch					1	12	5		4N		
North American Dipper								1 1	1N		
House Wren	1	1		1	1	15	40	1 1	8N	5	1
Marsh Wren			8				3				
Canyon Wren	3					1	1H	3H			5
Rock Wren	1					4	2				
Northern Mockingbird			1								
Gray Catbird							1				4
Brown Thrasher			2					1			
American Robin	1	2	15	2	3	15	60	37 57	16N	18	21
Hermit Thrush				1				1H		2	1H
Western Bluebird							1ma	2 1		2N	
Mountain Bluebird				3	6	8	8	3 3	2		
Townsend's Solitaire					1	1	1			2	
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (43)						1	3				
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								2	1	5	
Loggerhead Shrike			1								
European Starling	6		300		6	2	200	40 13		3	5
Solitary Vireo											
"Plumbeous" race						1	4				
Red-eyed Vireo				1		2	1				
Warbling Vireo	1	1			2	1	5	6	8N	6	
Orange-crowned Warbler-?											1
Virginia's Warbler	1					2	2			1ma	1
Yellow Warbler	1	3				1ma	36	5 16		1ma	5
Yellow-rumped Warbler											
"Audubon's" race				1				1	3N	5	
Ovenbird					2						
MacGillivray's Warbler	1				1						
Common Yellowthroat	2	2	1ma		1	1ma	3ma				
Yellow-breasted Chat							5H				5
American Redstart							3ma				
House Sparrow			100			10	300	17 6		10	1
Western Meadowlark	4	3	200	1	4	15	250	14 2		4	11
Yellow-headed Blackbird			500				500	2			
Red-winged Blackbird		5	100		9	15	275	84 120	2		
Orchard Oriole			7								
Northern Oriole											
"Bullock's" race			10				10	1			21
Brewer's Blackbird		1				10	20	73 190		8	1
Common Grackle		2	175			5	200	42 35			5

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Brown-headed Cowbird	2		25		3	15	15		3	5	9
Western Tanager					2	2m1f	2ma		2N		
Rose-breasted Grosbeak											1ma
Black-headed Grosbeak	5				4	4m1f	3ma		1		4
Blue Grosbeak			1ma								
Indigo Bunting	4				2						
Lazuli Bunting	1	2			1	3	8m1f			4ma	
Dickcissel			1ma								
Evening Grosbeak		2					1ma	2	6		
Cassin's Finch								3	1N		
House Finch			25				45	20	3		14
Pine Siskin	1				5	3	3	10	4	7	8
American Goldfinch		1	1	2	1	5	20				1
Lesser Goldfinch						6	21				2
Red Crossbill					1	2					
Green-tailed Towhee				2	2	1	1	14	1		1
Rufous-sided Towhee				21		30				6	22
"Spotted" races	25	3					40				
Lark Bunting			350				1ma	1			
Savannah Sparrow			1				3				
Vesper Sparrow		1				15	18				
Lark Sparrow			10				1				
Gray-headed Junco				3	3	2	3		2	3	
Chipping Sparrow	1			2	5	7	5		2	6	
Brewer's Sparrow								5			
Song Sparrow		1	1	1		4	7			7	1
TOTAL SPECIES-146	34	27	70	21	42	62	105	61	35	39	37

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Plains=PLNS, PL; Foothills=FOOT,FHL,FH; Mountains=MTNS,MTN,MT; Western Slope=WSL; Heard only=H; Nest(s) located=N; Nesting Pair=PN; Nest only, birds not seen=W; Including 5 young birds=Y; Including 1 female with 13 young birds=Z.

CORRECTION: Lesser Prairie Chicken (5) and McCown's Longspur (1) reported in last month's Lark Bunting under the May 25 Field Trip to Red Rocks Park (RRP) should have been reported under the May 23-25 Field Trip to Southeastern Colorado (SEC). The Editor regrets this typing error.

ADDITIONAL JUNE 1981 REPORTS:

- Olivaceous Cormorant 6-30 (1 adult) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (TM). This bird, only the third state record, was first located on the preceding weekend by Bruce Webb and others-ED.
- Snowy Egret 6-16 (1) Vaille Reservoir, Adams Co. (KH,JL)
- Yellow-crowned Night Heron 6-30 (1 adult) Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Logan Co. (TM)
- Wood Duck 6-13 (1 female with 2 chicks) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
- Common Merganser 6-11 (1 female with 2 chicks) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 6-11 (1 female) Rio Grande River, Mineral Co. (KH)
- Osprey 6-20 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
- Sora 6-19 (1 immature) Evergreen (DK)

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Mountain Plover 6-8 (2) near King, Park Co. (CH,KH)
 Marbled Godwit 6-20 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
 Greater Yellowlegs 6-20 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
 Lesser Yellowlegs 6-16 (1) farm pond north of 96th Ave. on Peoria, Adams Co. (KH,JL)
 Millet 6-20 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
 Black Tern 6-16 (5) Barr Lake S.P. (KH,JL)
White-winged Dove 6-30 (1) between 50th and 51st Avenue on Garrison, Arvada (JS). Detailed written report submitted-ED.
 Black-billed Cuckoo 6-21 (1) 1748 So. Van Gordon Court, Lakewood (DS); 6-30 (1) G. D. Davidson ranch, Washington Co. (TM)
 Flamulated Owl 6-13 (1) near Road 364 about 12 miles north of Divide, Teller Co. This bird was found by Roberta Winn while leading an Aiken Audubon Field Trip (RB,TM,EW,RW)
 Short-eared Owl 6-16 (1) 128th Ave. and Piccadilly Rd., Adams Co. (KH,JL)
 Lewis' Woodpecker 6-8 (1) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. at 9800' elev. (CH,FH,KH)
 Gray Flycatcher 6-26 (4) Temple Canyon, Canon City (RB,LC,MN)
Vermillion Flycatcher 6-7 (1 nesting pair) G. D. Davidson ranch, Washington Co. Rds. 59 and GG (DL,SL,JR). These birds represent the first nesting record for Colorado. The male and female both arrived at the Davidson ranch on April 29 where they were identified by Helen Downing. They first attempted to nest at the south end of a thick stand of Chinese Elms that serves as a windbreak protecting the west side of the ranch house. However, this site was abandoned early on with the birds moving to a large elm right next to the south side of the ranch house. The nest was built in a fork of a lateral branch some 15 feet above the ground. On June 7th Diane and Steve Larson and Jack Reddall visited the ranch and found the female sitting on the nest with the male always in close proximity. Mr. Davidson produced an extension ladder and we were able to ascend to a point above the nest from where we could see directly into it. The nest contained two eggs. One week later, on the night of June 13th, a violent hail storm hit the area killing the female and two newly hatched young birds! The male bird survived the ordeal and was observed the next day in courtship display. Larry Halsey of Boulder was able to secure the nest and the remains of the female and two young birds for the Denver Museum of Natural History. On June 30th Thompson Marsh stopped by the Davidson ranch and reported no sign of the male. The Editor wishes to express his thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Davidson for granting permission to come on their ranch to observe these birds. They are a delightful couple who have lived on their ranch for 38 years. Although not avid bird-watchers, they became extremely interested in and attached to these beautiful little flycatchers.
 Northern Mockingbird 6-11 (1) 11th and Maple, Golden (WF)
 Sage Thrasher 6-12 (2) Balloon Ranch, Rio Grande Co. (KH)
 Cedar Waxwing 6-3 (2) North Walnut Street, Colorado Springs (RB)
Kentucky Warbler 6-12 (1 singing male) McClintock Trail, Bluebell Canyon, Boulder (JR). First found by Bruce Webb and seen subsequently by a number of people. The bird was still present at the end of June but had become more retiring and difficult to observe.
 Common Grackle 6-8 (2) & 6-13 (2) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. at 9800' elev. - "the birds hung around and fed at feeders. We thought they might nest, but have now disappeared" (CH,FH,KH)
 Blue Grosbeak 6-21 (1 male) Chatfield S.P. (DS)
 Indigo Bunting 6-15 (1 male) Gregory Canyon, Boulder (CH,FH,KH)
 Red Crossbill 6-18 & 6-19 (35) Spring Valley north of Divide, Teller Co. (RB); 6-23 (6) Manitou Lake north of Woodland Park (RB)
White-winged Crossbill 6-23 (6) 1 1/2 miles north of Divide on Road 357. Photographed. (RB,TL,JW)
 Black-throated Sparrow 6-27 (4) Baccalite Mesa, Pueblo (RB,DG,LC,MN)
 Northern Junco ("Slate-colored" race) 6-22 (1 singing male) 2695 Newland St., Denver (PE)

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2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
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All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed for the month of August, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Check-List order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Jack Reddall - 4450 South Alton Street, Englewood, Colorado 80111.
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 16, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).
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6. Please notify the Editor (Tel: 771-5308) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR AUGUST 1981

- AUGUST 1, Saturday. BURLAND RANCHETTES. Leader: Ruth Wheeler (455-3924). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) South Sheridan at Hampden (US 285) at 7:00 A.M. # *
- 2, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Dick Schottler (985-0579). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) South Sheridan at Hampden (US 285) at 6:30 A.M. 1/2-day trip.
- 8, Saturday. EVERGREEN AREA AND MOUNTAINS. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th Avenue and Wadsworth, south parking lot at 7:15 A.M. Meet leader at Bergen Park at 8:00 A.M. *
- 9, Sunday. BEAR VALLEY PARKS, GREEN BELT AND RESERVOIR. Leader: Merwin Terry (237-8692). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) South Sheridan at Hampden (US 285) at 7:00 A.M. *
- 15, Saturday. BAILEY AND GUANELLA PASS. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) South Sheridan at Hampden (US 285) at 7:00 A.M. *
- 16, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at Red Rocks Trading Post at 7:30 A.M. 1/2-day. # *
- 22, Saturday. JOINT DFO-BOULDER AUDUBON TRIP. Leader: Mike Figgs (1-772-6975). The trip will go to Long Gulch and South St. Vrain. Meet at Boulder Public Library at 7:30 A.M. Carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church, 38th Ave. and Wadsworth, south parking lot at 6:30 A.M. *
- 23, Sunday. NORTHEASTERN COLORADO (PREWITT RESERVOIR, JACKSON RESERVOIR, LATHAM RESERVOIR). Leader: Jack Reddall (771-5308). Meet at Voyager Inn Motel at I-70 and Chambers Road at 6:30 A.M. * State Parks Pass required at Jackson Reservoir. Hopefully we will hit the fall migration of shorebirds.
- 29, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at Park entrance at 6:30 A.M. Carpool at Denver Museum of Natural History (north parking lot) at 6:00 A.M. *

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AUGUST 30, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: (to be named-call Field Trip Chairmen). Meet at West Entrance at 7:00 A.M. 1/2-day trip with lunch optional.

SPECIAL: DFO members are invited to climb MT. AUDUBON with the Boulder Audubon Club.

AUGUST 8 Leader: Freeman Hall. Meet east of International Pancake House in Basemar Center, Baseline Road and Highway 93 in Boulder at 7:00 A.M. Climb will start at Brainerd Lake

Recommended for beginning birders

* Bring Lunch

Submitted by: Robert Spencer (279-4682)
Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)
Field Trip Chairmen



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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NO MEETING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 22, 1981

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JULY 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- JULY 3, Friday. Northeastern Colorado: Tamarack Ranch, Red Lion State Wildlife Area, Julesburg Reservoir, Crook, Sterling, Fort Morgan, and return to Denver (NECO).
Observers: Kathy Hawkins, Jack Reddall. (Cloudy to partly cloudy with afternoon thunderstorms; Wind, NE, 5-15 MPH gusting to 25-35 MPH; 60°-80°). 13 hours, 363 miles. (90 species, 1898+ individuals)
- 4, Saturday. Lyons to Rocky Mountain National Park (RMP). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy to cloudy with afternoon thundershowers; Wind, W, 0-10 MPH; 60°-70°). 8 hours, 109 miles. (35 species, 132+ individuals)
- 4, Saturday. McClelland Reservoir, Highline Canal north and south of County Line Road and Daniels Park (MR/DP). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolík, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer. (Overcast with clearing by mid-morning; Wind, SE, 0-12 MPH; 65°-85°). 7 hours, 42 miles. (47 species, 193+ individuals)
- 5, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.
- 11, Saturday. South Park, Park Co: Hack Ranch, Georgia Pass, Elkhorn Road (SPPC).
Leaders: Carol Hack, Kathy Hawkins. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Lorraine Chappell, Alicia Kamm, Richard and Karl Kamm, Dieter Kamm, Ken LaBorde, Joe Leigh, Duane Nelson, Harold and Betty Oliver, Dorothy and Jack Reddall, David Schmidt, Don and Jo Shrode, Tom Southwick, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; Wind, variable, 0-10 MPH; 70°-80°). 7 hours, 33 miles. (52 species, 346+ individuals)
- 12, Sunday. Ranch six miles east of Eldora and feeder in Nederland (ELDO). Leader:

- JULY 12, Gail Shickley. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Bill Huntley, Bob Jickling, Barbara Jubriag. (Clear to partly cloudy with afternoon rain shower; Wind, 0-5 MPH; 67°-78°). 8 hours, 12 miles. (44 species, 251+ individuals)
- 18, Saturday. Northcentral Colorado: Castlewood Canyon S.P., Winkler Ranch, Castle Rock, Louviers, Waterton, Henry's Lake, Morrison, gravel pits at I-76 & 74th Avenue, La Salle, Latham Reservoir, Ireland Reservoir, Prospect Reservoir, farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6&61 (NCCO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast, fog in A.M. becoming partly cloudy in P.M.; Wind, NE, 0-5 MPH; 63°-85°). 13 hours, 250 miles. (102 species, 4661+ individuals)
- 18, Saturday. Coal Creek Canyon, Los Lagos, Nederland (CCC). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Reyan Behason, Christine Bonney, Freda Krolik, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler, Mike Williams. (mostly clear; Wind, calm; 60°-80°). (37 species, 189+ individuals)
- 19, Sunday. Reynolds Park, Jefferson County (RP). Leader: Jerome Besser. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Thompson and Susan Marsh. (Sunny; Wind, 0-3 MPH; 65°-85°). 6 hours, 3 miles. (19 species, 76+ individuals)
- 24, Friday. Antero Reservoir, Park County (ANTR). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy to cloudy, thundershowers; Wind, variable, 0-15 MPH; 75°-85°). 4½ hours, 8 miles. (31 species, 1653+ individuals)
- 25, Saturday. Fillius Park, Squaw Mountain, Echo Lake and Summit Lake (SM). Leader: Lynn Willcockson. Observers: Margo Chadwick, Glenna Corey, Dorothy Dygert (Rochester, N.Y.), Russ Hawley, Vi Hubka, Freda Krolik, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Don and Jo Shrode, Robert Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy to partly cloudy; Wind, 0-20 MPH; 45°-75°). 7 hours, 59 miles. (30 species, 161+ individuals)
- 26, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Picnic Ground (RR). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Tom and Virginia Faxon, Bobbye Frasier, Kate Kittleman, Roland and Donna Olderog, Dick Pratt, Dick Schottler. (Cloudy; Wind, calm; 50°-55°). 5 hours, 1½ miles. (37 species, 245+ individuals)
- 28, Tuesday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Partly cloudy; Wind, variable, 0-5 MPH; 88°). 3½ hours, 11 miles. (54 species, 471+ individuals)

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Eared Grebe	3											
Western Grebe	2			2		135			4			5
Pied-billed Grebe						16			1			2
American White Pelican	3					31			2			
Double-crested Cormorant	35		1			60			30			
OLIVACEOUS CORMORANT	1											
Great Blue Heron	13		1			10						6
Snowy Egret									2			
Black-crowned Night Heron	3					11m						1ad
Yellow-crowned Night Heron	1ad											
Canada Goose	55		5			400			200			
Mallard	40		11	1	2f41	50	5		50			15
Gadwall						1			35			1ma
Common Pintail	6					13						
Green-winged Teal						3						35
Blue-winged Teal	2ma					5			1			1ma
Cinnamon Teal						3						
American Wigeon	2					2						

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Northern Shoveler						1						
Redhead			1						75			2
Canvasback	1ma								4			1
Ruddy Duck									124			
Common Merganser			2			9		11				
Turkey Vulture												
Northern Goshawk							2					
Red-tailed Hawk												
"Western" race	3ad			1		2ad	1ad					
Swainson's Hawk	14			2			8					
Northern Harrier	1m1f											1fe
Prairie Falcon	1		1			1						
American Kestrel	10		5	1		2	5	2				3
White-tailed Ptarmigan		1fe										
Common Bobwhite	15											
Ring-necked Pheasant	4						3					6
Sora				1								7
American Coot	30				2a61		20		75			15
American Avocet	15						22		40			
Killdeer	20		5	1	1		70		20			8
Snowy Plover									2			1
Mountain Plover				1								
Marbled Godwit	2								2			
Upland Sandpiper	3											
Greater Yellowlegs	1						9					
Lesser Yellowlegs	3						8					2
Solitary Sandpiper	2											1
Willet									1			
Spotted Sandpiper	2		1		1a11				4	1		10
Wilson's Phalarope	2			4			15					
Common Snipe				3								
Long-billed Dowitcher							10		4			
Semipalmated Sandpiper												2
Western Sandpiper	2						4					
Least Sandpiper							12					1
Baird's Sandpiper	2						8					
Pectoral Sandpiper							2					
Stilt Sandpiper							3					
California Gull				2			75		350			20
Ring-billed Gull	25						80		1			35
Franklin's Gull	10						700					11
Forster's Tern	2						2					1
Common Tern	2											
Little Tern	1ad											
Black Tern	6											4
Band-tailed Pigeon					13			33				
Rock Dove	45						40				34	
Mourning Dove	150		3		5	40	180				1	35
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	3						2					1
Black-billed Cuckoo	2											
Great Horned Owl			2									
Burrowing Owl	1						4					2

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Long-eared Owl												
Common Nighthawk	2						3					
<u>Black Swift</u>		4										
Chimney Swift	6											
White-throated Swift								1			10	
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		3	4	12	30	8	22	1		8	3	
Rufous Hummingbird				4	2ma		8			2		
<u>Calliope Hummingbird</u>					1ma							
Belted Kingfisher	1											
Common Flicker	7				2		2	1				
"Red-shafted" race		2	2	4		3	4				5	1
Red-headed Woodpecker	4											
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker				5	2					3		
"Red-naped" race		1PN										
Williamson's Sapsucker					2a11		2					
Hairy Woodpecker							1					
Downy Woodpecker	1H		3	1			2					
No. Three-toed Woodpecker		1ma		2a21								
Eastern Kingbird	50						5					
Western Kingbird	35						100					2
Say's Phoebe	1											
Dusky Flycatcher		1										
Western Flycatcher					2	8	2			1		
Empidonax sp.					4			1				
Western Pewee			2	3	2	11	2				3	1
Olive-sided Flycatcher				2								1
Horned Lark	45	4	10	12			15		500			3
Violet-green Swallow		1		2		35	6				10	
Tree Swallow		2		50	25		2					
Bank Swallow							200					
Rough-winged Swallow	10		1			2	100					
Barn Swallow	200	7	1	2	5	1	450	4		3	1	5
Cliff Swallow	100		10	30		165	150		30			7
Gray Jay		1		4								
Blue Jay	8											
Steller's Jay		4			2	3		3	2		1	
Scrub Jay						13					5	
Black-billed Magpie	8	3	5	1	1	7	51	36			10	13
Northern Raven			1	1					7		2	
American Crow	2		1			4	1	2		4		
Clark's Nutcracker		4								6		
Black-capped Chickadee	2		9	2		2	1	1			3	1
Mountain Chickadee		3	3	5	2	5		5	4		1	
White-breasted Nuthatch				1		4		2			1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch				1								
Pygmy Nuthatch		2				13		7	1	7		
Brown Creeper								2	2			
North American Dipper											1	
House Wren	20	3	10	2	11	25	5	2	1		1	2
Marsh Wren	1						3					
Canyon Wren						4H					4	
Rock Wren						3		1			2	

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Gray Catbird	1					1					5	
Brown Thrasher	2											
American Robin	20	12	5	6	5	11	3	9	2	1	46	1
Hermit Thrush		2H		3			1			2	1H	
Swainson's Thrush					2							
Western Bluebird			1			5				6		
Mountain Bluebird		10	1	20	6	9		11	10	1		
Townsend's Solitaire			1	5						1		
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				8				3		12		
Water Pipit		5								20		
European Starling	80		23			20	135				6	2
Bell's Vireo	8											
Solitary Vireo			2				1					
"Plumbeous" race						2						
Red-eyed Vireo			1			2						
Warbling Vireo	3	2		2	6		1				1	
Virginia's Warbler											3	
Yellow Warbler	15	3ma	1	1	2		8ma				1	
Yellow-rumped Warbler												
"Audubon's" race		5		8	4		8			8		
Chestnut-sided Warbler					1							
Common Yellowthroat	15				3	6	39				2	40
Yellow-breasted Chat	10						5					
Wilson's Warbler										3		
American Redstart							1ma					
House Sparrow	130				2		550				1	10
Bobolink	1ma											
Western Meadowlark	175		11	1	4	5	50				6	2
Yellow-headed Blackbird	20						175		10			1fe
Red-winged Blackbird	150		9	15	10		50		10			30
Orchard Oriole	8											
Northern Oriole								4				
"Baltimore" race	4											
"Bullock's" race	3		10				8				9	
Brewer's Blackbird		3		5	4	65	50	7				30
Common Grackle	75		2		2		35					3
Brown-headed Cowbird	40	5	2	15	7	5		2	2		1	
Western Tanager					2	2				2	3	
Black-headed Grosbeak	2ma					3ma					3	
Indigo Bunting											2	
Lazuli Bunting			4			10	4	1			1	
Dickcissel	7						1ma					
Cassin's Finch		3		6	5							
House Finch	10		2		2		25	4			13	30
Pine Grosbeak		1ma		4								
Brown-capped Rosy Finch		1								8		
Pine Siskin		20		24	30	9		12	14	1	8	
American Goldfinch	25		3	2		10	15			5		25
Lesser Goldfinch			4			15	10	2			1	6
Red Crossbill								5		33		
Green-tailed Towhee					3			1	2		1	
Rufous-sided Towhee	4		3	3		55	10				38	
Lark Bunting	10						25					

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Savannah Sparrow	2			25		10						
Grasshopper Sparrow	20											
Vesper Sparrow			1	1		30						
Lark Sparrow	8					2						
Gray-headed Junco		5		10	8	2				8		
Chipping Sparrow		2	2			30		4	1	2	1	4
Brewer's Sparrow		2										
White-crowned Sparrow				14						4		
Lincoln's Sparrow		4		2						3		
Song Sparrow					5	5	10	1				20
TOTAL SPECIES-177	90	35	47	52	44	102	37	19	31	30	37	54

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a; Immature=im,i; Plains=PLNS,PLN,PL; Foothills=FHL,FH; Mountains=MTNS,MTN,MT; Heard only=H; Nesting pair=PN;

ADDITIONAL JULY 1981 REPORTS:

Common Loon 7-30 (1 adult, breeding plumage) Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (RB,TH)
 Green Heron 7-2 (1 adult) Broadmoor Community Church, Colorado Springs (RB); 7-20 (1) & 7-21 (1) Bear Creek Greenbelt, Jefferson Co. (MJS)
 White-faced Ibis 7-25 (2) Lake Meredith, Crowley Co. (RB,DG,EW); 7-25 (16) Lake Henry, Crowley Co. (RB,DG,EW)
 Canvasback 7-20 (1 male) Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (RB,EW)
 Common Merganser 7-16 (1 female, 23 chicks) Paonia Reservoir, Somerset, Gunnison Co. (DM)
 Mississippi Kite 7-26 (6 adults, 2 sub-adults, 1 feathered, downy young in nest) La Junta Cemetery (RB)
 Ferruginous Hawk 7-17 (1 adult) & 7-30 (1 adult) Highway 24 at Chipita Park, El Paso Co. (RB)
 Peregrine Falcon 7-27 (1 adult) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (RB)
 Blue Grouse 7-6 (1 female, 6 young birds) Georgia Pass, Park Co. (CH,KH); 7-12 (1) Evergreen (DK)
 Snowy Plover 7-20 (2) Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (RB,EW); 7-25 (3) Lake Cheraw, Otero Co. (RB,DG,EW); 7-30 (5) Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (RB,TH)
 Willet 7-1 (4) Chatfield S.P. (PE)
 Wilson's Phalarope 7-3 (1 female) Granby (PE)
 California Gull 7-4 (4) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. (CH,FH,KH)
 Black-billed Cuckoo 7-22 (1) Plum Creek Nature Area, Chatfield S.P. (BR)
 Greater Roadrunner 7-23 (1 adult, 4 juvenile in progressive stages of development in nest 7 feet above ground in juniper) Burnt Mill Road (RB,LH)
 Common Screech Owl 7-2 (1 adult, 3 young birds) Lakewood (PE)
 WHIP-POOR-WILL 7-10 through 7-30 (1) South Cheyenne Canyon, Colorado Springs. First found by Steve Brown. (Also seen by RB,BB,CG,DG,SL,JR,DS,EW). Based upon this bird's call it is attributable to the southwestern race (*Caprimulgus vociferus arizonae*) which breeds commonly in the southern mountains of New Mexico and Arizona southward into Mexico and is probably a first state record for this race in Colorado-ED.
 Poor-will 7-12 (1 on nest with two white eggs) Evergreen (DK)
 Common Nighthawk 7-20 (1) 1936 So. Lincoln St., Denver (RG)
 Chimney Swift 7-28 (2) 1936 So. Lincoln St., Denver (RG)
 Rufous Hummingbird 7-4 (1) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. (CH,FH,KH)
 Calliope Hummingbird 7-10 (1) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. (CH)
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker 7-16 (1 male, 1 female) Pueblo at Hanover Road, south of Fountain, El Paso Co. (RB); 7-25 (1 female) about 10 miles east of Olney Springs, Crowley Co. (RB)

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Ash-throated Flycatcher 7-5 (1 adult) 10 miles east of Toponas, Routt Co. (BJ)
White-necked Raven 7-27 (50) "vociferously soaring and moving slowly toward the north-east" about 18 miles southeast of Pritchett, Baca Co. (RB)
Bewick's Wren 7-26 (2 adults, 2 immatures) Dye Reservoir, Otero Co. (RB)
Grace's Warbler 7-23 (2 adults) Rye (RB,LH)
Prairie Warbler 7-4 (1) Tamarack Ranch, Logan Co. (DL,SL)
Kentucky Warbler 7-7 (1 singing male) Bluebell Canyon, Boulder (BJ and others)
Great-tailed Grackle 7-28 (1 male) Rio Grande State Wildlife Area behind State Veteran's Home, Home Lake (RB)
Rose-breasted Grosbeak 7-2 (1 male) Red Rocks Park, Morrison (KH,JL)
Indigo Bunting 7-21 (1 singing male) Chatfield S.P. (PE)
Pine Grosbeak 7-29 & 7-30 (8, including young being fed) first creek on west side of Berthoud Pass (PE)
Grasshopper Sparrow 7-26 (6) along US Highway 50 in Bent Co. about one mile west of Prowers County line (RB)
Black-throated Sparrow 7-23 (2 adults, 2 immatures) Baculite Mesa, Pueblo (RB,LH)
Sage Sparrow 7-28 (1 adult, 1 immature) roadside park, four miles east of Ft. Garland on US Highway 160, Costilla Co. (RB)

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NOTICE! Be sure to buy your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series directly from Harold Hott at future Denver Field Ornithologists' meetings. Forty percent of all sales made to DFO members will be turned over to our treasury.

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"LIFERS WANTED LIST" - If you are a beginner bird-watcher and would like to know when a particular bird new to your "Life List" is around the Denver area, please send your "wanted list" together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder - at 161 Del Mar Circle, #8, Aurora, Colorado 80011.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for the Denver Field Ornithologists, please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed for the month of September, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Check-List order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Mrs. Judy Ward - 9224 Baseline Road, Lafayette, Colorado 80026.
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 16, Number 6, of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).
5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
6. Please notify the Editor (Tel. 666-8985) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1981

* * * Field Trip Leaders please send your September reports to the new Editor of the * * *
* * * Lark Bunting: Mrs. Judy Ward - 9224 Baseline Road, Lafayette, Colorado 80026. * * *

SEPTEMBER 5, Saturday. RIGLI RANCH, FORT MORGAN AREA. Leader: Joe Rigli. Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History (North Parking Lot). *

6, Sunday. NO TRIP SCHEDULED.

7, Monday (Labor Day). IDLEDALE AREA. Leader: Bill Prather (697-9535). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Woolco Parking Lot, Wadsworth at Jewel. *

12&13, Saturday and Sunday. ANNUAL FALL COUNT. Coordinator: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Compiler: Carol Hack - 1034 South Steele Street, Denver, Colorado 80209 (Tel. 777-7893). LEADERS: Please send your Field Trip Reports to Carol Hack no later than SEPTEMBER 18! All members are welcome to participate.

Saturday, September 12:

BARR LAKE. Leader: Merwin Terry (237-8692). Meet at Denver Museum of Natural History (North Parking Lot) at 6:00 A.M. Trip will involve walking around Barr Lake, about 8 miles. *

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BARR LAKE PERIFERY. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet at intersection of Piccadilly Road and Bromley Lane at 6:30 A.M. *

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR. Leader: Floyd Pendell (758-5530). Meet at southwest entrance to Park (near Cherry Creek High School) at 7:00 A.M. *

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Meet at northwest corner of Colorado Highways 86 and 83 in Franktown at 7:30 A.M. *

Sunday, September 13

RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at the Trading Post in Red Rocks Park at 7:00 A.M. *

BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR. Leader: Margaret Elliott (986-1184). Meet at Oso Valley Shopping Center (which may have a new name) at the northeast corner of Hampden (US 285) and Kipling at 6:00 A.M. *

CHATFIELD STATE PARK/WATERTON. Leader: Hugh Kingery (333-0161). Meet at "Park and Ride" at Hampden (US 285) and Wadsworth, southwest quadrant of intersection, at 6:00 A.M. *

EVERGREEN. Leader: Edna Claire Thomas (674-5345). Call Leader for details

- 19, Saturday. WHEATRIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Duane Nelson (420-9770). Meet at 8:00 A.M. on Youngfield Street just south of Clear Creek. *
- 20, Sunday. KEN CARYL AREA. Leader: Don Johnson (985-2065). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) South Sheridan at Hampden (US 285). * #
- 26, Saturday. DEER CREEK AND TURKEY CREEK. Leader: Bobby Ausfahl (798-0552). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) South Sheridan at Hampden (US 285). * #
- 27, Sunday. BOULDER AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (489-4977). Meet Leader in Boulder at 8:00 A.M. at Postal Station east side of Crossroads Shopping Center. Carpool at 7:15 A.M. at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church (South Parking Lot), 38th Avenue and Wadsworth. *

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Recommended for "Beginning Birders"

Submitted by: Robert Spencer (279-4682)
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT THE DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: SEPTEMBER 22, 1981

PROGRAM: "Sounds of Birding"-Shorebirds with Warren Finch plus a film "America's Wetlands" with E. G. Marshall.

Also before and after the meeting (7:10-7:30 P.M. and again from 9:30-9:45 P.M.) there will be a sale of original Audubon lithographs by Gail Smith from the Park-on-Blake Gallery.

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AUGUST 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- AUGUST 1, Saturday. Northeastern Colorado: Boulder (Sawhill Ponds), Prince Lake, Union Reservoir, Latham Reservoir, Goodrich, Jackson Reservoir, Muir Springs Park, Prospect Reservoir, Cherry Creek Reservoir (NECO). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Cloudy in A.M., partly cloudy in P.M. with thunderstorms; Wind, N, 0-25 MPH; 68°-94°). 13 hours, 303 miles. (92 species, 11436+ individuals)
- 1, Saturday. Burland Ranchettes, Wakeland Lakes (BR). Leader: Ruth Wheeler. Observers: Paul Barrett, Ann Crosby, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Don and Jo Shrode, Mary Jane Schock, Bob Spencer, Joan Walter. (Overcast; Wind, variable, 0-15 MPH; 65°-80°). 8 hours, 79 miles. (43 species, 144+ individuals).
- 2, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CSP). Leader: Dick Schottler. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Judy Kaslow. (Clear; Wind, calm; 65°-85°). 5 hours, 30 miles. (46 species, 717+ individuals)
- 8, Saturday. Evergreen, Bergen Park, Means Meadows, Kinney's Peak (EV). Leader: Winston William Brockner. Observers: Jerry Alliger, Ruth Breckon, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Don and Lee Johnson, Freda Krolik, Dick Schottler, Don and Jo Shrode, Helen Tripp, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; 40°-73°). 15 miles, 6½ hours. (34 species, 185+ individuals)

- AUGUST 9, Sunday. Bear Creek Park, Stone House Park, Henry's Lake, Bear Valley Reservoir (BCP). Leader: Merwin Terry. Observers: Tina Jones, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Neil Reynolds. (Overcast; Wind, 10-15 MPH; 50°-60°). 4½ hours, 25 miles. (38 species, 331+ individuals)
- 9, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Cherry Creek Reservoir, Castlewood Canyon S.P., Winkler Ranch, Louviers, Waterton, Henry's Lake, Red Rocks Park, gravel pits at I-76 & 74th Ave., La Salle, Latham Reservoir, Mile High Duck Club (NCCOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Overcast to cloudy, sky occasionally obscured by fog, drizzle and moderate thunderstorms; Wind, NE, 0-20 MPH; 58°-63°). 12 hours, 229 miles. (101 species, 3740+ individuals)
- 15, Saturday. Bailey to Georgetown via Guanella Pass (BG). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Jerry Alliger, Marguerite Brockmeyer, Don and Lee Johnson, Freda Krolik, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Don and Jo Shrode. (Cloudy; Wind, 0-10 MPH; 60°-70°). (38 species, 141+ individuals)
- 15&16, Saturday and Sunday. Grand Junction area: Colorado National Monument, Fruita, Loma, Highland Lake (CNM). Observers: Jack and Dorothy Reddall. (Partly cloudy, thunderstorms; Wind, SW, 0-20 MPH; 59°-85°). 13 hours, 200 miles. (49 species, 804+ individuals)
- 16, Sunday. Red Rocks Park and Morrison Picnic Ground (RRP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm, Harold and Betty Oliver. (Mostly sunny; Wind, calm; 55°-75°). 4 hours, 1½ miles. (30 species, 201+ individuals)
- 22, Saturday. Long Gulch-St. Vrain (LG). Leader: Mike Figgs. Observers: Marguerite Brockmeyer, June Howard, Joe Krieg, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear; Wind, calm; 70°). (27 species, 87+ individuals)
- 23, Sunday. Northeastern Colorado: Denver to Prewitt Reservoir (Washington Co.), Weldona, Jackson Reservoir (Morgan Co.), Kersey, Latham Reservoir (Weld Co.). (NECO). Leader: Jack Reddall. Observers: Warren Finch, Kathy Hawkins, Frank and Jan Justice, Dieter Kamm, Ken LaBorde, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Vivian Piller, Dick Schottler, Wayne Wathen. (Partly cloudy; Wind, NE, 0-10 MPH; 56°-85°). 12 hours, 296 miles. (81 species, 9251+ individuals)
- 29, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (BARR). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Glenna Corey, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Leon and Dorothy Miller, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; 80°-92°). 7½ hours. (48 species, 1287+ individuals)
- 30, Sunday. Cherry Creek Reservoir (CCR). Leader: Lorraine Chappell. Observers: Bob Jickling, Don and Jo Shrode. (Wind, calm; 70°-95°). 7 hours, 10 miles. (31 species, 491+ individuals)
- 30, Sunday. Northcentral Colorado: Castlewood Canyon S.P., Waterton, gravel pits at I-76 & 74th Ave., Prospect Reservoir, farm ponds at Weld Co. Rds. 6&61, Ireland Reservoir, Mile High Duck Club, Barr Lake S.P., Cherry Creek Reservoir (NCCOL). Observer: Jack Reddall. (Clear becoming partly cloudy to cloudy with scattered thundershowers; Wind, SW, 0-5 MPH; 62°-95°). 12 hours, 204 miles. (103 species, 5975+ individuals)

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Eared Grebe													3	
Western Grebe	1350		11			40					1600	36	4	50

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Pied-billed Grebe	31		5		3	3						1	4	1
American White Pelican	550					15					675	24		340
Double-crested Cormorant	13		54		3	20					40	4		45
Great Blue Heron	32		17		1	18		1			75	12	20	40
Cattle Egret	1													
Snowy Egret											2			9
Black-crowned Night Heron	8		11m										51m	1a41
Least Bittern	11m													
Canada Goose	120		85		35	70					150	18Z	25	850
Mallard	60		19		20	35		1			125	25	16	525
Gadwall	4					6					15			3
Common Pintail						3					4	2		2
Green-winged Teal	20				2	4					45			20
Blue-winged Teal	25					6					30			3
Cinnamon Teal	4											3ma		
Teal sp.												30		
American Wigeon											15			4
Northern Shoveler						2					25	8		35
Duck sp.												150		
Wood Duck						2								
Redhead					1	1ma							1	1ma
Ring-necked Duck														2
Ruddy Duck	4				1									
Turkey Vulture						5		5					4	25
Sharp-shinned Hawk						1a								
Accipiter sp.										1				
Red-tailed Hawk		3		1										
"Western" race	2					5a		3ad			3a11		6	2
Swinson's Hawk	6					2					18		2	3
Buteo sp.										1				
Golden Eagle	1ad								1	3				
Northern Harrier											2fe		1	5
Prairie Falcon						1								
American Kestrel	18	1	4	2	2	3		4	2	1	25	5	2	8
Common Bobwhite	1H										25			
Ring-necked Pheasant	11m												1	1H
Virginia Rail	1												1	
Sora	3H										3H			1H
American Coot	45		2		2	30					95	42	2	80
American Avocet	12										1			7
Semipalmated Plover	1													
Killdeer	160		38		7	1	40				60	22	9	275
Black-bellied Plover											1			2
Marbled Godwit											7	1		1
Greater Yellowlegs	4													5
Lesser Yellowlegs	10					2					18			25
Solitary Sandpiper	4													
Willet											2			
Spotted Sandpiper	12	1	3		4	1					1			
Wilson's Phalarope	1					4					25			12
Northern Phalarope	10										1			
Common Snipe	13				1	2								

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<u>Short-billed Dowitcher</u>											1			
Long-billed Dowitcher	3					9					1			
Sanderling						1					2			
Semipalmated Sandpiper	3					2					10			
Western Sandpiper			2								13	6		
West/Semip Sandpiper sp.												9		
Least Sandpiper	4					8					170	8		3
<u>White-rumped Sandpiper</u>	4													
Baird's Sandpiper	35		7			2					350	35		100
Stilt Sandpiper	10										135			
California Gull	30		18			25					25	25		40
Ring-billed Gull	650		50		1	20		1			350	100	60	280
Franklin's Gull	4000				38	1100					3700	450		1850
Forster's Tern	16					7								
<u>Common Tern</u>						1								
Black Tern	30					10					50	4		
Band-tailed Pigeon		5												
Rock Dove	50			9	3	9	71		40	3	15		12	5
Mourning Dove	175	4	14		1	15	150	2	50		150	15	105	30
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	1		2								4			45
<u>Black-billed Cuckoo</u>											1			
Great Horned Owl									1	1		1		
Burrowing Owl	1		3			7					2		2	2
<u>Saw-whet Owl</u>					1H									
Common Nighthawk	2	1				6		3			1			
Chimney Swift	1													
White-throated Swift								55	7					
Black-chinned Hummingbird								4						
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		12	1	4		2	2	1ma	1	1			2f	
Rufous Hummingbird		5		2			6							
<u>Calliope Hummingbird</u>		1				1f							1f	
Belted Kingfisher	2ma	2			4	1m1f					1			2
Common Flicker					8								12	
"Red-shafted" race	15	4	2	4		6	5	2	2		10	2	10	2
Red-headed Woodpecker	2										13			
Lewis' Woodpecker	1					2								3
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		1												
"Red-naped" race								1ma						
Williamson's Sapsucker		2					2							
Hairy Woodpecker				2		2	3				2H		2	
"Rocky Mountain" race								1ma						
Downy Woodpecker	5	3	1			2			1		3		1	1
eastern races												2		
Eastern Kingbird	12		16			7	2				20	1		1
Western Kingbird	110				1	3	4				10	6	2	14
Cassin's Kingbird								4						
Say's Phoebe						3			1				3	
Willow Flycatcher													2	
Gray Flycatcher								4						
Western Flycatcher		2									2		2	
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Western Pewee		4	2	1	1	15	1		1		2	2		3
Olive-sided Flycatcher		3		1								1		
Horned Lark	30		2			2	1	2			3			2 15
Violet-green Swallow		8			45	7		3	3					2 4
Tree Swallow		1	25					1						
Bank Swallow	40		6				5							
Rough-winged Swallow	2					10								
Barn Swallow	500	4	30	4	14	10	120	2	100	4	250	22	15	5 75
Cliff Swallow	110	7	15		5		50		75					15
Blue Jay	7		1H								4			
Steller's Jay		1		4		4		4		4				6
Scrub Jay						5		6	2		1			9 1
Black-billed Magpie	15		2	7	20	20	40	1	6	15	5	8	16	55 105
Northern Raven		1		1				2	8	1				
American Crow	75			4			6	3						
Pinyon Jay								25						
Clark's Nutcracker										11				
Black-capped Chickadee	25		9		3	2	10				8	10	20	13 6
Mountain Chickadee				11			5	7	10	9				9
Plain Titmouse						3		1	5					6
White-breasted Nuthatch				3		3		1		6				2
Red-breasted Nuthatch				2				1		3		1		35
Pygmy Nuthatch		3		10		25		6		2				
Brown Creeper								2						
House Wren	2	3	3			8		6		3	6			2 2
Bewick's Wren														
Marsh Wren	1							7						
Canyon Wren						5H								5H
Rock Wren						1		4	3	1				2
Gray Catbird							2	10	1	1			1	
Sage Thrasher														
American Robin	15	16	2	4	35	10	26	9	3	4	1	4	2	1 25
Hermit Thrush		1						2						
Western Bluebird		2												
Mountain Bluebird		6		7		12			2					4
Townsend's Solitaire		1		2				5	1	3				
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher									8					2
Ruby-crowned Kinglet								1						
Cedar Waxwing						8								
Loggerhead Shrike	2			1							3			1
European Starling	650		100	16	5		486	300	22		100			125
Gray Vireo								1						
Solitary Vireo									4					
Red-eyed Vireo											1	1		4
Warbling Vireo								2	1	6				
Black-and-white Warbler											1mlf			
Nashville Warbler													1	
Virginia's Warbler						1			1	7		2		6
Yellow Warbler	4		8		4		5				1			1
Yellow-rumped Warbler														
"Audubon's" race		4						3		2				

AUGUST AREA HABITAT	1 NECO PLNS	1 BR MT	2 CSP PLN	8 EV MT	9 BCP PLN	9 NCCOL FH PLNS	15 BG MT	15/ 16 CNM WSL	16 RR FH	22 LG MT	23 NECO PLNS	29 BARR PLNS	30 CCR PLN	30 NCCOL FH PLNS
Black-throated Gray Warbler								3 mf		1		2		1m
Townsend's Warbler							1			3	2			
Northern Waterthrush														
MacGillivray's Warbler														
Common Yellowthroat	14		6			1ma 3					2	1		6
Yellow-breasted Chat					10		2			7	1m1f			4
Wilson's Warbler						1ma								
American Redstart	370			1	10	165	6		3		600	4		70
House Sparrow	35		17			45		2	10		25	1	1	4
Western Meadowlark	250				25	4					20		6	10
Yellow-headed Blackbird	150	6	56		3	1	110	1fe			1	120	115	30
Red-winged Blackbird	15													
Orchard Oriole														
Northern Oriole	7		5		6	2			1					1
"Bullock's" race	4			4		2	2	4						55
Brewer's Blackbird	150		45			65								
Common Grackle	1fe				10									
Brown-headed Cowbird		2				1ma	1		2					4
Western Tanager	1ma	2		2		3	1		2	1				
Black-headed Grosbeak												2fe		
Blue Grosbeak			1ma											
Indigo Bunting														
IndigoXLazuli Bunting		1	2ma		1				2			1fe		12
Lazuli Bunting		4		7			2							
Evening Grosbeak				1			2							
Cassin's Finch	9		12		3	20		30	10		1		7	15
House Finch		7		20		95	50	25	3					5
Pine Siskin	11		10		1	2	20	1			15	5	19	10
American Goldfinch						35	30	6						15
Lesser Goldfinch				40		8								2
Red Crossbill				2					3					
Green-tailed Towhee						35			15					35
Rufous-sided Towhee	1200		1				225				20			45
Lark Bunting	1											1		1
Savannah Sparrow		2		1		40	3				7			45
Vesper Sparrow	35					6	5		6		8			8
Lark Sparrow									6					
Black-throated Sparrow		2		4				8						2
Gray-headed Junco	2	2		1		1		2	4		30	50		30
Chipping Sparrow														
Clay-colored Sparrow														1
Brewer's Sparrow		1							2					
White-crowned Sparrow		1												
Fox Sparrow		1												
Song Sparrow	12	1	2		2		2							1
TOTAL SPECIES-187	92	43	46	34	38	101	38	49	30	27	81	48	31	103

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Immature=im,i; Plains=PLNS,PLN; Foothills=FH; Mountains=MT;
Western Slope=WSL; Heard only=H; Includes 4 goslings=Z

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ADDITIONAL AUGUST 1981 REPORTS:

Common Loon 8-28 (1) John Martin Reservoir, Bent Co. (PE)
 Least Bittern 8-3 (1) Sawhill Ponds, Boulder Co. (RB,DG)
 White-faced Ibis 8-31 (1) Chatfield S.P. (PE)
 Wood Duck 8-30 (1 male, eclipse plumage) Barr Lake S.P. (RB,EW)
 Ring-necked Duck 8-16 (1 male) Como Lake, Park Co. (CH,KH)
 Mississippi Kite 8-28 (40) Lamar City Park (PE)
 Red-tailed Hawk 8-28 (1 adult) Mt. Evans at 13500' sitting on a rock (KH)
 Black-bellied Plover 8-16 (2) Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (CH,KH,HK,UK,etal.)
 Upland Sandpiper 8-10 (1) 5 miles east of Amherst on Hwy. 176, Phillips Co. (RB,DG)
 Caspian Tern 8-16 (1) Antero Reservoir, Park Co. (CH,KH,HK,UK,etal.)
 Chimney Swift 8-8 (4) seen flying down a chimney between Broadway and Lincoln Streets in the south 1900 block, Denver (RG)
 Calliope Hummingbird 8-21 (1) & 8-22 (1) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. (CH,FH,KH)
 Magnificent Hummingbird 8-2 (1) San Isabel (RB,CC,RD)
 Lewis' Woodpecker 8-29 (40+) Cottonwood Canyon, Baca Co. (PE)
 Gray Flycatcher 8-1 (1) Temple Canyon, Canyon City (RB,CC,RD)
 Red-breasted Nuthatch 8-4 (1) Crow Valley Park, Briggsdale (RB,LH); 8-9 (1) 1748 So. Van Gordon Court, Lakewood (DS)
 Bewick's Wren 8-2 (2) roadside park south of Pueblo along I-25 (RB)
 Varied Thrush 8-21 (1) Silverthorne (MJB)
 Magnolia Warbler 8-27 (2) Evergreen (TM)
 Black-throated Gray Warbler 8-3 (1 male) Barr Lake S.P. (RB,EW)
 Townsend's Warbler 8-15 (1) & 8-29 (1) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. (CH,KH)
 Grace's Warbler 8-1 (1) Rye (RB,CC,RD)
 Northern Oriole 8-7, 8-10, 8-17 (1 female) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co. (CH,KH)
 Pine Grosbeak 8-10 (3) Hack Ranch, South Park, Park Co.-"as early as we have ever seen them at this altitude" (CH,KH)

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2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date (or dates) of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
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"LIFERS WANTED LIST" - If you are a beginner bird-watcher and would like to know when a
particular bird new to your "Life List" is around the Denver area, please send your
"wanted list" together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder - at
161 Del Mar Circle, #8, Aurora, Colorado 80011.

BOOK REVIEW

Adventures With Talking Birds - Catherine Hurlburt, 1981, T.F.H. Publications inc.,
Neptune, New Jersey. 288 pages, 68 color photos and many black and white photographs.
Drawings by Joseph C. Rigli. \$12.95 at pet stores. This is a specialized book, mainly
about keeping pet birds, especially in getting them to talk. In spite of the title, this
book roves over a wider field and even includes handling of injured birds. It will have
little appeal to the average field ornithologist. However, I read it with more than pass-
ing interest. Over the years, Catherine Hurlburt has kept and nursed many birds. Her
experiences with crows, ravens, black-billed magpies, blue jays, common grackles and
Steller's jays will be of interest to many field birders. Inevitably, anthropomorphism
creeps in, which will raise the eye-brows of the professional ornithologist. However,
one of the benefits of the book is the valuable information supplied on the handling of
injured birds, especially as regards feeding them.

The author very wisely points out that, "a license issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife
Service is required to keep legally any wild bird species in captivity in the United
States except starlings and house sparrows. Many states also require a similar license,
and prospective owners should check on these regulations with the wildlife departments
of their respective states."

Unfortunately, in some cases, bird pictures are not totally identified (re pages 248,
249, 252). A satisfactory Bibliography is at the back of the book.

The author is a member of the D.F.O., and many members may want to read this interesting
book for that reason. The cartoons by upcoming Joe Rigli are appropriate and very good.

Winston William Brockner

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED! If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for the
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TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expense on Denver Field Ornithologists' sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPOOLING: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed for the month of October, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS:

1. Compile a summary of your Field Trip in Check-List order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the Field Trip to: Mrs. Judy Ward - 9224 Baseline Road, Lafayette, Colorado 80026.
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 16, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).
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6. Please notify the Editor (Tel. 666-8985) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR OCTOBER 1981

- OCTOBER 3, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Drew Granger (355-5581). Meet at the Denver Museum of Natural History (North parking lot) at 7:00 A.M. *
- 4, Sunday. ELDORADO SPRINGS/BOULDER PONDS. Leader: Judy Ward (666-8985). Meet Leader at junction of Eldorado turnoff and Highway 93 at 7:30 A.M. Carpool at Wheat Ridge Methodist Church (South parking lot), 38th Avenue and Wadsworth Blvd. at 7:00 A.M. **
- 10, Saturday. NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES. Leader: Bob Spencer (279-4682). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Berkley Senior Center on 46th Avenue east of Sheridan. **
- 11, Sunday. HAWKWATCH-ALAMEDA HOGBACK. Coordinator: Merwin Terry (237-8692). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at King Soopers, Green Mountain Shopping Center, Alameda near Union. *
- 17, Saturday. ROXBOROUGH PARK. Leader: Susan Kraner (797-3986). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the intersection of Rampart Road and Roxborough Road (?). Carpool at 7:15 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, U.S. 285 and South Logan Street. Lunch is optional.
- 18, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leaders: Nancy Jones (758-1463) and Helen Singer (756-2808). Meet at the west gate of the Cherry Creek RA. Parks Pass required or extra cars can be parked at nearby Cherry Creek school parking lot. 1/2-day trip.
- 24, Saturday. DON THATCHER DAY AT RED ROCKS PARK. Coordinator: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at the Trading Post at 8:30 A.M. Wear old clothes and bring work gloves. Also bring some heavy-duty trash bags (if you have a few). Lunch is optional.
- 25, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547).

OCTOBER 25, Meet at 7:30 A.M. (MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME) at Bear Valley Shopping Center (southwest corner opposite May D&F) South Sheridan at Hampden (US 285). *#

31, and November 1. Saturday and Sunday. PUEBLO AREA. Leaders: Carolyn and Dave Griffiths (1-584-3859). Meet in Pueblo at 8:00 A.M. at the Ramada Inn on US 50 EAST (east of I-25). Those staying over should plan to stay in motels west of I-25, Super 8 Motel on US 50 WEST or motels on frontage road west of I-25. *

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#Recommended for beginning birders

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION
OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 27, 1981

"Sounds of Birding" - Raptors and Galliformes

SPEAKER: Philip Lehner, Professor of Biology at C.S.U.
"Vocalization of Coyotes"

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SEPTEMBER 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- SEPT. 5, Saturday. Rigli Ranch, Fort Morgan Area (FM). Leader: Joe Rigli. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Jerry Alliger, Walter and Ruth Bull, Lorraine Chappell, Freda Krolik, Bob and Shirley Spencer, Helen Tripp, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear to partly cloudy; wind 10-20 mph; 65°-85°). 7 hours; 5 miles by car, 1½ miles on foot. (45 species, 400+ individuals)
- 7, Monday. Idledale Area (ID) Leader: Bill Prather. Observers: Dick Burr, Lorraine Chappell, John and Joyce Cooper, Jean Cox, Barbara Jubrias, Frank and Jan Justice, Bill and Rose Kephart, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Dona and Roland Olderog, Inez Prather, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Cloudy, damp; wind-calm; 55°-65°). 7 hours, 29 miles. (48 species, 542+ individuals).
- 12 & 13, Saturday and Sunday. ANNUAL FALL COUNT. See compilation which follows summary of regularly scheduled trips. (149 species, 12,315 individuals)
- 19, Saturday. Wheatridge Greenbelt. (WG) Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Lorraine Shappell, Warren Finch, Frank and Jan Justice, Ken LaBorde, Ken Lane, Vito Tursi, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind-calm; 48°-75°). (42 species, 495 individuals)
- 20, Sunday. Wadsworth Blvd. & Hampden south to Chatfield State Park. (WHCh) Leader: Don Johnson. Observers: Lorraine Chappell, Tom and Virginia Faxon, Lee Johnson, Bernice Merry, Harold and Betty Oliver, Don and Jo Shrode and Vito Tursi. (Partly cloudy to cloudy; wind-4 to 15 mph; 58°-84°). 3 hours, 25 miles. (44 species, 711+ individuals)

SEPT. 26, Saturday. Deer Creek Canyon and Tiny Town area (DC-TT). Leader: Bobbie Ausfahl. Observers: Irma Appel ren, Bill and Doris Halamicek, Judy Kaslow, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Mary Jane Schock, Ruth Wheeler. (Mild and sunny; calm; 60°-80°). 6 hrs., 44 mi. (41 species, 150 individuals)

27, Sunday. Boulder Area: Bluebell Canyon, AAA Pond, Baseline Lake, Hiram Prince No. 2, Valmont, Gaynor and Union Reservoirs. Leader: Bob Jickling, Observers: Paul Aberle, Gardiner Miller, Warner and Ruth Reeser, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear; wind, S, 0-5 mph; 47°-77°). 9 hours, 63 miles. (79 species, 7002+ individuals)

SEPTEMBER	5	7	19	20	26	26	27	27
AREA	FM	ID	WG	WHCh	DC-TT	DC-TT	BA	BA
HABITAT	Plns	Mt.	Plns	Plns	Plns	Fthl.	Fthl	Plns
Horned Grebe								2
Eared Grebe								12
Western Grebe				24+				800
Pied-billed Grebe			15	4				22
Double-crested Cormorant				1				18
Great Blue Heron				10				17
Snowy Egret								4
Black-crowned Night Heron				1				
Canada Goose			25	90				280
Mallard			27	16				140
Gadwall			1	9				2
Common Pintail	1							35
Green-winged Teal	10							60
Blue-winged Teal	25			2				30
Cinnamon Teal				3				
Teal Species			3					
American Widgeon			17					40
Northern Shoveler	15							17
Redhead								80
Ring-necked Duck			2					6
Hooded Merganser								1m
Turkey Vulture								2
Northern Goshawk		11mm						
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1			2	
Cooper's Hawk						1	1	
Red-tailed Hawk		2		4a21				2
"Western" race					1			
Swainson's Hawk	3			1	1			
Buteo Species								2
Golden Eagle						1		
Northern Harrier	3			4				1
Prairie Falcon	1			1		2		
American Kestrel	7	4		8		4		5
Ring-necked Pheasant	13		3	1				1
Sora			1					
American Coot			12	110+				1800
American Avocet								6
Killdeer	8		9	23				45
Black-bellied Plover				1				
Greater Yellowlegs								7
Lesser Yellowlegs				1				18
Solitary Sandpiper	4							
Spotted Sandpiper				1				

SEPTEMBER	5	7	19	20	26	26	27	27
AREA	FM	ID	WG	WHCh	DC-TT	DC-TT	BA	BA
HABITAT	Plns	Mt	Plns	Plns	Plns	Fthl	Fthl	Plns
Wilson's Phalarope								1
Common Snipe								2
Long-billed Dowitcher								14
Baird's Sandpiper								6
Pectoral Sandpiper	1							
Ring-billed Gull			24	40+				65
Franklin's Gull							1100	
Rock Dove			16	10		19		40
Mourning Dove	100+	1	5	10		1	3	3
Great Horned Owl	2							
Burrowing Owl	3							
Broad-tailed Hummingbird		10						
Rufous Hummingbird		8						
Belted Kingfisher		1	3	3				1
Common Flicker		1	7					
"Red-shafted" race				4		5	4	
Red-headed Woodpecker	1							
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker						1		
Hairy Woodpecker		3					1	
Downy Woodpecker								
"Batchelder's" race						1		
Eastern Kingbird	2	1						
Western Kingbird	1							
Eastern Phoebe	1 imm.							
Say's Phoebe	2							
Western Flycatcher		1						
Empidonax Species	1							
Western Pewee	4	1	1					
Olive-sided Flycatcher	1	1						
Horned Lark	30+			12				
Barn Swallow	24+	30	10					400
Cliff Swallow	5							
Blue Jay			3			1	2	
Steller's Jay		12				5	5	
Scrub Jay		1				21		
Black-billed Magpie	3	16	9	25+	2	3	2	10
Northern Raven		1		1			3	
American Crow				1				14
Black-capped Chickadee	1	6	2			7	2	
Mountain Chickadee		16				13	3	
White-breasted Nuthatch		3					1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch	2	1				1	3	
Pygmy Nuthatch		60+						
Brown Creeper						1	1	
House Wren	4	2						1
Marsh Wren			1					
Canyon Wren		2				1	1	
Rock Wren		1						
Gray Catbird	1	2					1	
Sage Thrasher	1							
American Robin		10	13			17	6	5
Swainson's Thrush	1	1						

SEPTEMBER	5	7	19	20	26	26	27	27
AREA	FM	ID	WG	WHCh	DC-TT	DC-TT	BA	BA
HABITAT	Plns	Mt	Plns	Plns	Plns	Fthl	Fthl	Plns
Western Bluebird		20						
Townsend's Solitaire						3	2	
Ruby-crowned Kinglet						2	3	
Cedar Waxwing			5					
Loggerhead Shrike	1							
European Starling	3		30	40+	5	30		20
Solitary Vireo		1						
Tennessee Warbler							1	
Orange-crowned Warbler			5				2	
Virginia's Warbler		2	2					
Yellow Warbler	1							
Yellow-rumped Warbler		100+						
"Myrtle" race			1					
"Aubudon's" race			7			12	1	
Townsend's Warbler		1						
MacGillivray's Warbler	1							
Common Yellowthroat			2	1				
Wilson's Warbler	5							
House Sparrow	50+		2		4	1	6	
Western Meadowlark	4			24	2	3		9
Yellow-headed Blackbird				2				
Red-winged Blackbird			23	200+				200
Brewer's Blackbird								60
Common Grackle			30					1500
Brown-headed Cowbird				2				4
Western Tanager		10				1	2	
Black-headed Grosbeak							2	
Lazuli Bunting		2						
Evening Grosbeak		30	1					
Cassin's Finch						2		
House Finch		20	65	8+			5	
Pine Siskin		30+	14			1		
American Goldfinch	1		75			5		
Lesser Goldfinch		20		2		6	2	
Red Crossbill		15				2		
Green-tailed Towhee		10					2	
Rufous-sided Towhee		16	1			17	10	
Lark Bunting	10+							
Savannah Sparrow	3			3				
Vesper Sparrow	3	4		3				1
Gray-headed Junco						7	2	
Chipping Sparrow		50+	1			3	1	
Brewer's Sparrow	6			1				
Spizella Species			1					
White-crowned Sparrow			7			2		9
Lincoln's Sparrow		4	1					
Song Sparrow		1	10	2				2
TOTAL SPECIES -	45	148	42	44	1	41	1	79

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS: Male=ma,m; Female=fe,f; Adult=ad,a;
 Immature=im,i; Plains=Plns,Pln,Pl; Foothills=Fthl,fh; Mountains=
 Mtns,mtn,mt; Heard only=H; Nesting pair=PN.

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ADDITIONAL SEPTEMBER 1981 REPORTS:

Common Loon 9-11 (1) No. Delaney Butte Res., Jackson Co. (BJ); 9-19 (1 winter plumage) Teller Res., Ft. Carson (RB).
Green Heron 9-5 (2 imm.) Hanna Ranch, Fountain (RB)
Cattle Egret 9-24 (8) Latham Res., Weld Co. (JJC)
Great Egret 9-26 (2) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo (RB, TL) (found 9-24 by Dave Griffiths)
American Bittern 9-25 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN)
White-faced Ibis 9-4 (2) Cherry Creek Rec. Area (MS)
Ruddy Duck 9-17 (34) Walden Lake, Jackson Co. (BJ)
Common Merganser 9-20 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
Golden Eagle 9-26 (2) Waterton, feeding on Great Blue Heron carcass (FJJ)
Osprey 9-10 (1) Chatfield S.P. (IBP); 9-12 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 9-26 (2) Lake Minnegua, Pueblo (RB, TL); 9-27 (1) Broadmoor area (RB).
Merlin 9-20 (2) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
Sora 9-26 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN)
American Avocet 9-17 (2) Walden Lake, Jackson Co. (BJ)
White-rumped Sandpiper 9-6 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
Sabine's Gull 9-26 (2 imm.) Chatfield S.P. (WF, I&BP)
Barn Owl 9-26 (4) CF&I Lakes, Pueblo (RB, TL)
Pygmy Owl 9-7 (1) West Creek, Pike Nat. For. N. of Divide (RB)
Broad-tailed Hummingbird 9-5, 6 (1) Aurora; 9-18 (2) Franktown (MS)
Lewis' Woodpecker 9-16 (2), 9-12 (4) Idledale (BIJP)
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker 9-26 (2) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
Williamson's Sapsucker 9-6 (1) Chatfield S.P. (1st Chatfield record) (FJJ)
Ladder-backed Woodpecker 9-5 (2) Hanover Rd. at Pueblo Rd., S. of Fountain (RB)
Western Flycatcher 9-21 (1 banded) Aurora (MS)
White-necked Raven 9-5 (2) plains S.E. of Fountain (RB)
Red-breasted Nuthatch 9-17 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN); 9-2 (1 banded) 9-12 (1 banded), 9-18 (1 banded) Aurora (MS)
Curve-billed Thrasher 9-5 (2) Hanover Rd. S.E. of Fountain (RB)
Mountain Bluebird 9-22 (5) Trail Ridge Rd., Rky. Mt. Nat. P. (GK)
Ruby-crowned Kinglet 9-7 (1) Wheatridge (PE); 9-13 (1 banded) Aurora (MS)
Water Pipit 9-22 (11) Trail Ridge Rd., Rky. Mt. Nat. P. (GK)
Cedar Waxwing 9-6 (3) Lyons (PE)
Red-eyed Vireo 9-22 (1 banded) Aurora (MS)
Warbling Vireo 9-7 (1), 9-10 (1), 9-24 (1) Aurora (MS)
Philadelphia Vireo 9-12 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
Black and White Warbler 9-26 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ)
Nashville Warbler 9-26 (1) Chatfield; 9-28 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (JJC)
Townsend's Warbler 9-1 (2 banded) Aurora (MS)
Black-throated Green Warbler 9-6 (1) Chatfield S.P. (1st Chatfield record) (FJJ)
Ovenbird 9-7 (1) Wheatridge (PE)
Northern Waterthrush 9-5 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN); 9-7 (1 banded) Aurora (MS)
Wilson's Warbler (8 banded during Sept.) Aurora (MS)
American Redstart 9-5, 7 (1) Wheatridge (PE); 9-10 (1 banded) Aurora (MS)
Brown-capped Rosy Finch 9-22 (9) Trail Ridge Rd., Rky. Mt. Nat. P. (GK)
Clay-colored Sparrow 9-10 (1 banded) Aurora (MS)

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting the reports submitted by Field Trip Leaders from scheduled Denver Field Ornithologists' Field Trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date/s of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible and specific location.
3. Deadline for receipt of all individual reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.

LARK BUNTING SUPPLEMENT

1981 FALL COUNT

September 12 and 13, 1981

CAROL HACK, Compiler

SEPTEMBER 12:

BARR LAKE STATE PARK (BARR). Leader: Merwin Terry. Observers: Jerry Allegor, Bob Andrews, Peter Gent, Duane Nelson, Bob Spencer, Vito Tursi. (Clear 55°-85°; wind 5-10 mph). 9 hours, 12 miles walked (82 species)

BARR LAKE PERIPHERY - Bromley Lane, Ireland Res., Banner Lakes, Prospect Res., Vaille Res. (BLPY). Leaders: Doug and Judy Ward. Observers: Ruth and Walter Bull. (Clear & cool to hot & dry). 8½ hours, 45 miles (62 species)

CHERRY CREEK RESERVOIR (CCRA). Leader: Floyd Pendell. Observers: Henry and Vi Bosseman, Ruth Breckon, Dr. John Hannum, Hazel Kellogg, Freda Krolik, Bernice Merry, Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny, 59°-88° F) 14 miles (37 species)

CASTLEWOOD CANYON STATE PARK (WOOD). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Glenna Grey, Don and Jo Shrode. (Clear, warm 80°+) (45 species)

SEPTEMBER 13:

RED ROCKS PARK (RRPK). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Paul Aberle, Alicia, Karl, and Richard Kamm, Vivian Pliler, Don and Jo Shrode, Vito Tursi. (Sunny, wind calm 70°-80°) 5 hours, 1½ miles (38 species)

BEAR CREEK RESERVOIR (BEAR). Leader: Margi Elliot. Observers: Megan Elliot, Kathy Hawkins, Jack Reddall. (Clear, 56°-85°, wind 0-10 mph) 7½ hours, 30 miles by car, 5 by foot. (56 species)

CHATFIELD STATE PARK & WATERTON (CHAT). Leader: Hugh Kingery. Observers: Burke Angstman, Bob Buttery, John Carnel, Warren Finch, Bob Jickling, Frank and Jan Justice, Sheila Kane, Kate Kittleman, Bernice and Paul Merry, Dick Pratt, Dick Schottler, Dan Schwartzberg, Bob Taylor, Ben White, Laurel Yasui. (Clear, hot, windy) 2 parties, total 13 hours. (90 species)

EVERGREEN (EVER). Leader: Edna Claire Thomas. Observer: Dieter Kamm. (Clear, wind 0-5 mph, 46°-77° F.) 6 hours, 20 mi. by car, 4 by foot (70 species)

DATE AREA HABITAT	SEPTEMBER 12				SEPTEMBER 13				TOTAL
	BARR PLNS	BLPY PLNS	CCRA PLNS	WOOD PLFH	RRPK FOOT	BEAR PLFH	CHAT PLNS	EVER MTNS	
Horned Grebe							3		3
Eared Grebe	5						8		13
Western Grebe	16	27					12		55
Pied-billed Grebe	1					3	7		12
American White Pelican	135	22							157
Double-crested Cormorant	12					17	23		52
Great Blue Heron	7	8	13			7	15		50
Black-crowned Night Heron			2			4			6
Canada Goose	40	85	30			15	25		195
Mallard	50	67	24	5		7	42	28	223
Gadwall	15	4				2	4		25
Common Pintail	25	36					1		62
Green-winged Teal	200	1					2		203
Blue-winged Teal		20							20
"Blue-winged" Teal sp.	15	42					2		17
Teal species									42
American Wigeon	45		2				83		130
Northern Shoveler			7				1		8
Wood Duck							4		4
Redhead		2					2		4
Ring-necked Duck							1		1
Ruddy Duck	150	56	30			2			238
Duck sp.		500							500
Common Merganser							10		10
Turkey Vulture	2			22				1	25
Northern Goshawk					1			2	3
Sharp-shinned Hawk				1					1
Cooper's Hawk				1			2		3
Red-tailed Hawk				1			3		4
"Western" race	3	1				5			9
Swainson's Hawk	2	3					1		6
Buteo sp.			1				1		2
Golden Eagle					2	2	2		6
Northern Harrier	1	1	2	7			3		10
American Kestrel	1	1		2	2	7	2	3	18
Ring-necked Pheasant	1		2						3
Sora		2	1						3
American Coot	30	115	50				400	8	603
American Avocet	10	3	39						52
Semipalmated Plover	5								5
Killdeer	57	108	19	44		3	29		260
Lesser Golden Plover	1								1
Whimbrel	1								1
Greater Yellowlegs		2							2
Lesser Yellowlegs	4	7							11
Spotted Sandpiper	1	1					1		4
Wilson's Phalarope	20	6							26
Common Snipe			2						2
Long-billed Dowitcher	6	3							9
Sanderling	1								1

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	BARR PLNS	BLPY PLNS	CCRA PLNS	WOOD PLFH	PRPK FOOT	BEAR PLFH	CHAT PLNS	EVER MTNS	
Semipalmated Sandpiper							1		1
Least Sandpiper	13	3	12						28
Baird's Sandpiper	150	5					2		157
Pectoral Sandpiper	3								3
Stilt Sandpiper	4	1							5
California Gull	55		3			1	15	1	75
Ring-billed Gull	30	11	61			30	16		148
Franklin's Gull	205	3	1			25	5		239
Band-tailed Pigeon								4	4
Rock Dove	20	32	60	24	37	3		26	202
Mourning Dove	55	39	20	15		75	34	3	241
Great Horned Owl	1	1			1	1	1	1	6
Burrowing Owl			1				2		3
White-throated Swift					30				30
Broad-tailed Hummingbird								1	1
Belted Kingfisher		1	1		1	4	6	1	14
Common Flicker									
"Red-shafted" race	2		7	5	4	7	17	5	47
Red-headed Woodpecker		1							1
Lewis' Woodpecker				1					1
Yellow-bellied Sapsucker					1	1		2	4
Williamson's Sapsucker					2			2	4
Hairy Woodpecker								7	7
Downy Woodpecker	4			1		4	5	1	15
Eastern Kingbird	1								1
Western Kingbird	1	4	1	11			8		25
Cassin's Kingbird	1							2	3
Say's Phoebe							1	3	4
Dusky Flycatcher						1			1
Empidonax sp.	1	1		2					4
Western Pewee	1					1	2		4
Horned Lark	20	70		22			8		120
Violet-green Swallow					4	40	41	12	97
Tree Swallow			6				5	5	16
Rough-winged Swallow		8					2		10
Barn Swallow	100	120	100	7	6	40	35	68	476
Blue Jay	1						6		7
Stellar's Jay				1	3			34	38
Scrub Jay				14	8	1	3		26
Black-billed Magpie	8	14	17	8	23	55	20	15	160
Northern Raven				3	2			2	7
American Crow							3	35	38
Black-capped Chickadee	15	2	7	6	3	5	33	2	73
Mountain Chickadee				2	1			18	21
White-breasted Nuthatch				4			1	5	10
Red-breasted Nuthatch						1	1	2	4
Pygmy Nuthatch				6				13	19
House Wren	1		1	1	1	3	3	1	11
Canyon Wren				5	3				8
Rock Wren				3	1				4
Grey Catbird					4		1		5
Brown Thrasher						2			2

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	BARR PLNS	BLPY PLNS	CCRA PLNS	WOOD PLFH	RRPK FOOT	BEAR PLFH	CHAT PLNS	EVER MTNS	
Sage Thrasher						7		1	8
American Robin	2	4		8	63	25	51	22	175
Swainson's Thrush	1						1		2
Western Bluebird				4				2	6
Mountain Bluebird				3				23	26
Townsend's Solitaire					4		1	4	9
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	A						2	3	5
Water Pipit								1	1
Cedar Waxwing							21		21
European Starling	6	1410	38	125	5	40	12	58	1694
Solitary Vireo				1		1	1	1	4
Red-eyed Vireo	1								1
Black and White Warbler							1		1
Orange-crowned Warbler	5						2	1	8
Virginia's Warbler	1				2	2	6	9	20
Yellow Warbler	1		2			2			5
Yellow-rumped Warbler							17		17
"Myrtle" race	1								1
"Audubon's" race					2	3		57	62
Townsend's Warbler	1								1
MacGillivray's Warbler	1								1
Common Yellowthroat	1	3	1			1	3		9
Yellow-breasted Chat				2			2		4
Wilson's Warbler	32	2		2	2	10	36	20	104
House Sparrow		140				1		60	201
Western Meadowlark	1	21	20	20	2	30	10		104
Yellow-headed Blackbird	2000	36						6	2042
Red-winged Blackbird	10	810				2	155	26	1003
Brewer's Blackbird	5	3				16	2	9	35
Common Grackle		6		5					11
Brown-headed Cowbird		1						1	2
Western Tanager	2	2			13		2	3	22
Black-headed Grosbeak					2			1	3
Blue Grosbeak						1			1
Indigo Bunting							1		1
Lazuli Bunting							2		2
Evening Grosbeak							4	16	20
House Finch	2	1		7	9	100	44	10	173
Pine Siskin	6			12	9	35	21	228	311
American Goldfinch	8	15	5		7		41	24	96
Lesser Goldfinch				10	9		23	5	47
Red Crossbill								16	16
Green-tailed Towhee	1				2	5	5		13
Rufous-sided Towhee				7	16	7	15		45
Lark Bunting	2	3		1					6
Savannah Sparrow		18		12			9	1	40
Vesper Sparrow	2	19		50		60	4	11	146
Lark Sparrow	1	16					1	1	19
Northern Junco									
"Oregon" race							1		1
Gray-headed Junco					1			34	35

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	BARR PLNS	BLPY PLNS	CCRA PLNS	WOOD PLFH	RRPK FOOT	BEAR PLFH	CHAT PLNS	EVER MTNS	
Chipping Sparrow	2	35		12		2	15	75	141
Clay-colored Sparrow	3	2				5	2	6	18
Brewer's Sparrow						5	3		8
White-crowned Sparrow						1		1	2
Lincoln's Sparrow	1							5	6
Song Sparrow	1	5	8			2	8	2	26
1981 TOTAL SPECIES	82	62	37	45	38	56	90 ^B	70	149
1981 TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	3639	3986	616	501	284	737	1490	1062	12,315
1980 TOTAL SPECIES	95	69	43	41	26	46	96	37	154
1980 TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	9269	1887	611	517	318	432	1159	255	14,448
1979 TOTAL SPECIES	100	81	35	45	25	71	82	54	157
1979 TOTAL INDIVIDUALS	6841	2512	532	296	1053	795	1818	1053	14,031

NOTE: A=Species listed; no number given.

B=Unidentified Parakeet observed. Not included in species or individual count.

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE LARK BUNTING: Please notify the Treasurer, Robert Righter, 1020 15th Street, Denver, CO 80202 (573-7730)

NOTICE: Be sure to buy your copies of the "Birder's Guide" series directly from Harold Holt at future Denver Field Ornithologists' meetings. Forty percent of all sales made to DFO members will be turned over to our treasury.

"LIFERS WANTED LIST": If you are a beginner birdwatcher and would like to know when a particular bird new to your "Life List" is around the Denver area, please send your "wanted list" together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder at 161 Del Mar Circle, #8, Aurora, Colorado 80011.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for DFO please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expense on DFO-sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPOOLING: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed for the month of November, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

NEED FOR BIRD SLIDES: Certain members are asked on occasion to present slide shows on Colorado bird life. If you have slides you are willing to donate for this purpose, please contact: LYNN WILLCOCKSON, 2698 S. Niagara, Denver 80224 (757-7000 evenings).

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Frank and Gretchen Mills, 14371 W. Archer Avenue, Golden Colorado 80471 (279-3465)

GOOSE NECK COLLARS: Wildlife officials are asking for reports of Canada Geese marked with collars (Males - blue collars/white inscription; females - yellow collars/black inscription). 1980 numbers were: 04, 07, G7, K9, Y9. Should you sight geese with these color/number combinations, send information to: Bill Wishart, Fish and Wildlife Division, 7th Floor, Longman Bldg., 6909 116th St., Edmonton, Alberta T6H 4P2

COLOR-MARKED BALD EAGLES: M. Alan Jenkins with the Denver Wildlife Research Center is requesting information on sightings of Bald Eagles with wing markers (blue on the left wing, green on the right), and some carry radio transmitters on their backs. Should you sight one of these marked eagles, call Mr. Jenkins at (303) 234-2126.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

NEXT REGULAR MEETING (November 24, 1981): Jan and Frank Justice will speak on Africa, the land of surprises.

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

The Officers, Directors and Members of the Denver Field Ornithologists wish to express their gratitude and thanks to Jack Reddall for his long-term efforts as editor of the LARK BUNTING over the past several years. His expertise, dedication and energy made the LARK BUNTING an outstanding bird journal.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS

1. Compile a summary of your field trip in Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the field trip to: Mrs. Judy Ward, 9224 Baseline Road, Lafayette, Colorado 80026.
 2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and direction of the Field Trip.
 3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 16, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
 4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).
 5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
 6. Please notify the Editor (Tel. 666-8985) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason
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DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 1981

- NOVEMBER 7, Saturday. WINDSOR LAKE-FAIRMONT CEMETARY. Leaders: Henry and Vi Bossman (781-6855). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Mortuary on the Quebec St. Entrance. **
- 8, Sunday. BARR LAKE AREA via RMA. Leader: Fred Hager (238-5582). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at the Denver Museum of Natural History, North Lot. *
- 14, Saturday. SEDALIA, PLUM CREEK, CASTLEWOOD. Leader: Paul Rechel (688-6255). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Dry Creek Shopping Center, US 285 (Hampden and So. Logan) *
- 15, Sunday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leader: Duane Nelson (420-9770). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, US 285, Hampden and Sheridan (southwest of May-D&F). *
- 21, Saturday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leader: Mary Jane Shock (922-3144). Meet at the West Gate at Cherry Cr. at 8:00 A.M. *

NOVEMBER 22, Sunday. RED ROCKS PARK. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at the Trading Post in Red Rocks at 8:30 A.M. ½ day, lunch optional. #

28, Saturday. BEAR CREEK AREA. Leader: Warren Finch (233-3372). Meet at Bear Valley Shopping Center, US 285, Hampden and Sheridan (southwest of May-D&F) *

29, Sunday. GENESEE PARK - EVERGREEN. Leader: Bill Brockner (674-4851). Carpool at I-70, geology cut parking lot, at 7:30 A.M. (Morrison exit-north lot). Meet leader at I-70, Genesee exit, take crossover to park lot at 8:00 A.M. *

DECEMBER 5, NORTHWEST DENVER LAKES. Leader: Roland Olderogg (429-1024). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Sloans Lake, 25th and Sheridan. *#

6, NORTHEAST COLORADO RAPTOR TRIP. Leader: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at the Voyager Inn, North of I-70 on Chambers Rd. *

* BRING LUNCH

#Recommended for beginning birders

Submitted by: Robert Spencer (279-4682)

Ruth Wheeler (455-3924)

Field Trip Chairmen

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Judy Ward, Editor

NEXT MEETING: NOVEMBER 24, 1981

"Sounds of Birds" -- Winter Birds

SPEAKERS: Jan and Frank Justice
"Africa, Land of Surprises"

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- OCT. 3, Saturday. Barr Lake State Park (NW side and refuge) (BARR). Leader: Drew Grainger. Observers: Warren Finch, Sheryl Grainger, Frank and Jan Justice, Tom and Estelle Lazelle. (Wind: light and variable; completely overcast, light and steady rain; 50° F.) 3½ mi., 2½ hrs. (30 species, 322 individuals).
- 4, Sunday. Mesa Trail, El Dorado Springs and Baseline Reservoir, Boulder County (BOULD). Leader: Judy Ward. Observers: Irma Appelgren and Bob Jickling. (Clear, calm, 55°-70° F.) 5 hrs., 12 miles. (47 species, 1349+ individuals).
- 10, Saturday. Northwest Denver Lakes and Union Reservoir (NWDL). Leader: Robert Spencer. Observers: Henry and Vi Bossman, Margarite Brockmeyer, Glenna Corey, Freda Krolik, Tim Schowalter, Don and Jo Strode and Ruth Wheeler. (Calm, partly cloudy; 45°-70° F.) (34 species, 2243 individuals).
- 11, Sunday. Hawkwatch-Alameda Hogback. (No report submitted due to fact no raptors were observed.)
- 17, Saturday. Roxborough Park (ROXP). Leader: Susan Kraner. Observers: Ann Bonnell, Walter and Ruth Bull, Bobbie Frazier, Freda Krolik, Thompson and Susan Marsh, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer, Fran Waugh, Ruth Wheeler and Steve Zovodny. (Overcast to partly cloudy; 40°-55° F.; wind: 0-15 mph). (24 species, 55 individuals).
- 18, Sunday. Cherry Creek Rec. Area (CCRA). Leaders: Nancy Jones and Helen Singer. Observers: Susan and Thompson Marsh, Jo and Don Shrode. (Calm and clear; 32° F. and up) 10 mi. by car, 4 mi. on foot. (39 species, 1213 individ)
- 24, Saturday. Don Thatcher Day at Red Rocks Park. Coordinator: Dieter Kamm. (See "Notices.")
- 25, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice. Observers: Hope Cisneros, Dave Conant, Ruby Ebright, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Bob Rozinski and Dick Schottler. (Partly cloudy to clear--less

24 & 25 Saturday and Sunday. San Luis Valley (SLV). Observers: Bob Andrews, Kate Kittleman; Judy, Doug and Marcy Ward. (Overcast to clear; high of 50°F) (67 species, 8735+ individuals).

Nov. 1 Saturday and Sunday. Pueblo Area: Pueblo Res., Red Creek Rd., Baculite Mesa, Colorado City (PUEB). Leaders: Carolyn and Dave Griffiths. Observers: Ed and Martha Curry, Freda Krolik, Ken LaBorde and Ruth Wheeler. 85 miles, 8½ hours (60 species, 3363 individuals).

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OCTOBER AREA HABITAT	3 BARR Plns	4 BOULD Plns	4 BOULD Fthls	10 NWDL Plns	17 ROXP Fthl	18 CCRA Plns	25 CHAT Plns	24-25 SLV Plns	31-1 PUEB Plns
American Coot	80	600+		553		400	400	100	410
American Avocet								9	
Killdeer	3			14		12	22	3	3
Greater Yellowlegs								3	
Common Snipe	7								
Long-billed Dowitcher						14	6	70	
Least Sandpiper						1	1		
Baird's Sandpiper				2					
Pectoral Sandpiper							2		
Ring-billed Gull		35		105		60	29	2	26
Franklin's Gull	39	200		31			1		
Bonaparte's Gull									3
Sabine's Gull						1			
Forster's Tern						5			
Rock Dove	8		12	8				6	254
Mourning Dove	3		2	12		2		1	3
Great Horned Owl							1	1	
Saw-whet Owl								1a	
White-throated Swift			1						
Belter Kingfisher				1			1		1
Common Flicker	1		1		4	5			
"Red-shafted" race	1		2	6			5	3	7
Lewis' Woodpecker									1
Hairy Woodpecker									1
Downy Woodpecker	1		1		1				1
Ladder-backed Woodpecker									1
Horned Lark						3	30	150	73
Barn Swallow	3								
Blue Jay			3						
Steller's Jay			2					1	
Scrub Jay					2			2	5
Black-billed Magpie	2		4	20	4	32	22	60	51
Northern Raven					2			10	2
White-necked Raven								3	1
American Crow		40		2	3		4	15	10
Pinyon Jay								5	
Clark's Nutcracker								4	
Black-capped Chickadee	6		8		2	8	2		
Mountain Chickadee			6		1			5	4
Plain Titmouse								4	
White-breasted Nuthatch								1	
Red-breasted Nuthatch			3					1	
Pygmy Nuthatch			3						
Brown Creeper			1						
House Wren	1								
Marsh Wren								1	
Canyon Wren			3		2				
Rock Wren	2		1						
Gray Catbird						1			
Curve-billed Thrasher									1
Sage Thrasher			1					2	

OCTOBER AREA HABITAT	3 BARR Plns	4 BOULD Plns	4 BOULD Fthl	10 NWDL Plns	17 ROXP Fthl	18 CCRA Plns	25 CHAT Plns	24-25 SLV Plns	31-1 PUEB Plns
American Robin	1		4		2	4		75	12
Hermit Thrush								1	
Mountain Bluebird								110	34
Townsend's Solitaire			6		6			25	26
Ruby-crowned Kinglet	1		7		3		1		
Water Pipit							11	1	
Loggerhead Shrike								2	2
European Starling	40		3		48	200	25	100	564
Orange-crowned Warbler			2		1				
Yellow-rumped Warbler						2			
"Myrtle" race								1	
"Audubon's" race	12		1	2					2
House Sparrow				5				50	341
Western Meadowlark	1			4		8	15	9	76
Red-winged Blackbird	9			29		7	4	400	560
Brewer's Blackbird								100	
Common Grackle	6			2					
Cassin's Finch								5	
House Finch				23		20	75		49
Pine Siskin								10	184
American Goldfinch						8	4	1	
Red Crossbill									15
Green-tailed Towhee	2								
Rufous-sided Towhee	3		5		4			25	
"Spotted" race			11						
Brown Towhee									6
Northern Junco					1				
"White-winged" race									5
"Slate-colored" race							1		
"Oregon" race	1		2				14	10	15
Gray-headed Junco			4		1		1	15	
American Tree Sparrow							4		43
Chipping Sparrow					1				
White-crowned Sparrow	8		23	22			21	25	16
White-throated Sparrow							1		
Song Sparrow	1		6	1		4	2	5	
TOTAL SPECIES - 117	30		47	34	24	39	51	67	60

ABBREVIATIONS: Adult=a; Immature=i; Plains=Plns;
Foothills=Fhls.

ADDITIONAL OCTOBER 1981 REPORTS:

Arctic Loon 10-26 (2) Cherry Creek Rec. Area (BS); 10-28 (4) Chatfield S.P. (BP).
BRANT 10-24 (1) Cherry Creek Rec. Area (FP and seen by many others).
 Wood Duck 10-24 (2M, 1F) Pinello Ranch, Colo. Springs (RB).
White-winged Scoter 10-27 (7) Cherry Creek Rec. Area (BS).
 Red-breasted Merganser 10-31 (5) Chatfield S.P. (FJ).
 Northern Goshawk 10-31 (1a) Garden of the Gods, Colo. Springs (RB).
 Swainson's Hawk 10-2 (1) Franktown (MS).
 Osprey 10-3 (1) Chatfield (BS, KK); 10-3 (1) CCRA (SK); 10-11 (1) Lyons (DW).
 Merlin 10-25 (1fe) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo (BA, KK, DW); 11-1 (1) CCRA (SK).

Additional October 1981 Reports: (Cont'd)

Sandhill Crane 10-14 (200) Lakewood (PE); 10-16 (200) Chatfield S.P. (MJS); 10-16 (100) Congress Park, Denver (HK).
Virginia Rail 10-24 (10) South of Fountain (RB).
Sora 10-30 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (RB).
RED PHALAROPE 10-10 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (HK); 10-11 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (RB).
Sanderling 10-16 (1) Cherry Creek R.A. (SK).
Dunlin 10-23 (1) Chatfield S.P. (IBP).
Sabine's Gull 10-3 (2) Chatfield S.P. (BA, JJC, KK); 10/16-10/18 (1) Cherry Creek (SK).
Barn Owl 10-3 (1) Chatfield S.P. (BA, KK).
Northern Pygmy Owl 10-17 (1) North of Divide (RB).
Chimney Swift 10-8 (4) West 10th Ave. and Cherokee St., Denver (TM).
Northern Three-toed Woodpecker 10-26 (1) Tiny Town (MJS).
Western Kingbird 10-31 (1) (late) 3/4 mi. east of Baseline Res., Boulder Co.
"Observed for 10 min. in good light w/ 30 power scope at 100 ft. ...distinct white outer tail feathers..." (BJ). (Subject to approval of CFO records committee.)
Barn Swallow 10-10 (6) Barr Lake S.P. (HK); 10-24 (8) Monte Vista NWR (KH); 10-28 (1) Chatfield (FJJ).
Bushtit 10-24 (15) Lathrop State Park (KH); 10-25 (60) Garden of the Gods (RB).
Hermit Thrush 10-12 (1 banded) Aurora (MS).
Eastern Bluebird 10-26 (1ma) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo (BA, KK, DW).
Mountain Bluebird 10-16 (40) Chatfield S.P. (MJS).
Blue-gray Gnatcatcher 10-31 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (PE).
Golden-crowned Kinglet 10-25 (1) Tiny Town; 10-26 (4) Lookout Mt. (PE); 10-23 (1) Boulder County (BJ).
Northern Shrike 10-26 (1 sub ad.) Burnt Mill Rd., Pueblo (BA, KK, DW).
PHILADELPHIA VIREO 10-3 (2) Chatfield S.P. (BA, KK).
Warbling Vireo 10-12 (1 banded) Aurora (MS).
Nashville Warbler 10-16 (1) Chatfield S.P. (MJS).
Black-throated Blue Warbler 10-1 (1 fe) 869 Milwaukee, Denver (HK); 10-3 (1 imm) Chatfield S.P. (BA, KK).
MacGillivray's Warbler 10-2 (1) Franktown (MS).
Wilson's Warbler 10-31 (2) Wheatridge Greenbelt (PE).
Western Tanager 10-6 (1 banded) Aurora (MS); 10-9 (1) Congress Park, Denver (TM).
Lazuli Bunting 10-1 (1 banded) Aurora (MS).
Evening Grosbeak 10-11 (4) Lyons (DW); 10-31 (28) Wheatridge Greenbelt (BS).
Red Crossbill 10-11 (2) St. Mary's Glacier (SK); 10-17 (45) North of Divide (RB); 10-24 (1) 849 Milwaukee, Denver (HK).
Harris Sparrow 10/19-10/27 (1 imm) Boulder County (BJ).

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING ADDITIONAL REPORTS:

1. Individual reports of interesting sightings made during the month are welcomed. However, the Editor reserves the right to publish only those reports that are deemed as unusual or as augmenting reports submitted from scheduled trips.
2. Individual reports must be in Check-List order and include the date/s of observation, number of birds seen, sex and plumage if possible, and specific location.
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"LIFERS WANTED LIST": If you are a beginner birdwatcher and would like to know when a particular bird new to your "Life List" is around the Denver area, please send your "wanted list" together with your home address and telephone number to Mildred Snyder at 161 Del Mar Circle, Aurora, Colorado 80011.

FIELD TRIP LEADERS NEEDED: If you would be interested in leading a Field Trip for DFO please contact either Robert Spencer (279-4682) or Ruth Wheeler (455-3924).

TRANSPORTATION COSTS ON FIELD TRIPS: Everyone is expected to share in the mileage expense on DFO-sponsored Field Trips with those who drive. Suggested cost is 10¢ per mile divided by the number of people in the car including the driver.

CARPOOLING: All Denver Field Ornithologists are urged to carpool wherever possible when going on Field Trips to help conserve energy. If you contemplate going on any of the scheduled Field Trips listed for the month of November, please contact the Leaders ahead of time as they may be able to arrange for carpooling.

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DONALD THATCHER DAY: The following DFO members honored Don Thatcher by picking up trash in Red Rocks Park, his favorite birding spot, on October 24, 1981: Margurite Brockmeyer; Alicia, Dieter, Karl and Richard Kamm; Freda Krolik; Don and Jo Shrode; and Ruth Wheeler.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

DECEMBER 19, 1981: Denver Christmas Count Compilation Meeting

JANUARY 26, 1981: (Regular Meeting) Harold Holt - "1981 Photos of Birds and Reptiles"

WE SUGGEST YOU MARK THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH FOR DFO MEETINGS AT 7:30 P.M. WE ARE PLANNING SOME GREAT PROGRAMS AND BECAUSE OF POSTAL DELIVERY PROBLEMS THE LARK BUNTING MAY ARRIVE AFTER THE MEETING.

INSTRUCTIONS TO FIELD TRIP LEADERS

1. Compile a summary of your field trip in Check-list order showing the total number of birds observed for each species and mail it immediately after the field trip to: Mrs. Judy Ward, 9224 Baseline Road, Lafayette, Colorado 80026.
2. Along with your summary, submit a list in alphabetical order of the names of all of the observers participating in the Field Trip, a note on the weather and wind conditions, temperature, miles covered and duration of the Field Trip.
3. Include any observations of recognizable "forms" or subspecies with your summary. A list of recognizable "forms" and subspecies was published in Volume 16, Number 6 of the Lark Bunting (published once a year).
4. On Field Trips where more than one life zone is visited, please submit individual totals of species and numbers for each species observed in each zone (e.g., Plains, Foothills, Mountains, etc.).
5. Deadline for receipt of all Field Trip reports is the fifth of the following month. Any reports received after this deadline will not be published.
6. Please notify the Editor (Tel. 666-8985) if a Field Trip is cancelled for any reason.

DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1981

COUNT LEADER: Frank Justice (936-4547)

COMPILATION MEETING: 5:00 P.M. at Furr's Cafeteria, 700 So. Colo. Blvd., Denver

COUNT COMPILERS: Kathy Hawkins (757-0809) and Jack Reddall (771-5308).

Call one of the Area Leaders listed below if you would like to count in his or her area or call the COUNT LEADER if you would like to help count in an area which needs more counters. Area Leaders please contact the Count Leader before the Count to indicate how many you have in your group.

ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT PLEASE NOTE: To be a participant in the Audubon Christmas Bird Count, one must pay a fee of \$1.50. All observers taking part in the Count must be accounted for and their fees paid as directed by the National Audubon Society. This is used to help defray the cost of publishing the 500 page+ American Birds Christmas Count Edition in July (?). TO AVOID MISUNDERSTANDINGS, ALL PARTICIPANTS SHOULD BE ADVISED IN ADVANCE OF THE FEE AND GIVEN THE OPTION OF PAYING OR NOT TAKING PART.

Listed below are the area numbers and locations along with the names of the Area Leaders and their telephone numbers. Pre-count scouting trips which have been scheduled follow the main Count arrangements.

<u>AREA NUMBER AND LOCATION</u>	<u>LEADER AND TELEPHONE NUMBER</u>
1. Red Rocks Park	Bill Brockner 674-4851
2. Lower Bear Creek	Bob Spencer 279-4682
2a. Bear Creek Reservoir	Margaret Elliott 986-1184
3. BowMar	Joe Roller 232-2304
4a. Lower South Platte	Ruth Wheeler 455-3924
4b. Lower South Platte	Bob Rozinski 623-7430
5. Highline Ditch	Dieter Kamm 697-9681
6. Plum Creek	Fred Hager 238-5582
7a. Middle South Platte	Dave Hutchinson 936-3466 (work)
7b. Middle South Platte	Hugh Kingery 333-0161
8. Chatfield Reservoir	Frank and Jan Justice 936-4547
9. Upper South Platte	Jerome Besser 985-4816
10. Lower Deer Creek Canyon	Lynn Willcockson 757-7000
11. Upper Deer Creek	Reed Kelly 595-4058
12. Yegge Peak	Drew Grainger 355-8581
13. Doublehead Mountain	Bob Righter 573-7730
14. North Turkey Creek	Warren Finch 233-3372
15a. Indian Hills	Duane Nelson 420-9770
15b. Indian Hills	Bill Prather 697-9535
16. Upper Bear Creek	Dick Pratt 795-8497
17. Ken-Caryl Ranch	Kate Kittleman 238-9047
18. Garrison Gate	Paul Rechel 688-6255
19. Morrison-Willow Brook Estates ...	Carol Hack 777-7893
20. Willow Creek	Patty Echelmeyer 233-4947
21. Mount Lindo to Willow Springs ...	Bob Buttery 986-0698

PRE-COUNT SCOUTING TRIPS: (Call Area Leaders for arrangements)

December 12 (Saturday): Area Numbers 1, 2, 4a, 6, 7b

Other Scheduled Pre-Counts: Area Numbers 2a, 3, 4b, 10, 11, 14, 16, 17, 20 (please call Area Leaders for date, time and meeting place)

NO OTHER PRE-COUNTS SCHEDULED AT THIS TIME

AREA CHRISTMAS COUNTS

- December 19, Saturday. DENVER CHRISTMAS COUNT.
- December 19, Saturday (??) LONGMONT AREA CHRISTMAS COUNT. Call Virginia Diogini (1-776-2609) for date certain and further details.
- December 20, Sunday. BOULDER VALLEY CHRISTMAS COUNT. Call Barry Knapp (494-8390) for information.
- December 20, Sunday. EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS COUNT. Call Polly Phillips (674-7744) for information.
- December 20, Sunday. BLACK FOREST CHRISTMAS COUNT. Call Hugh Kingery (333-0161) for information.
- December 31, Thursday. PIKES PEAK CHRISTMAS COUNT. Contact Elinor Wills, 540 Asbury Place, Colorado Springs, for details.
- January 2, Saturday. BONNY RESERVOIR CHRISTMAS COUNT. Contact Paul Julian, Boulder (499-9107) for details.

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Fred Hager 275-0161	6. Creek
Dave Hutchinson 333-0161	7. South Platte
Hugh Kingery 333-0161	8. South Platte
Frank and Jan Justice	9. Reservoir
Jerome Beater 982-4816	10. South Platte
Lynn Wilcockson 727-7000	11. Bear Creek Canyon
Reed Kelly 292-4028	12. Upper Bear Creek
Drew Granger 352-8281	13. Yager Peak
Bob Richter 272-7730	14. Doughhead Mountain
Warren Finch 233-3375	15. North Turkey Creek
Diane Nelson 420-9770	16a. Indian Hills
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING ON FOURTH TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER THROUGH MAY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MONTH OF DECEMBER, 7:30 P.M. AT DENVER MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, WEST AUDITORIUM.

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NOVEMBER 1981 FIELD TRIP SUMMARIES:

- NOV. 7, Saturday. Fairmont Cemetary, Windsor Lake (FAIR). Leaders: Henry G. and Vi Bossman. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Ruth Breckon, Joe and M. J. Cleary, Glenna Corey, Lisa Hardy, Jack and Ethel Humphries, Freda Krolik, Thompson Marsh, Duane Nelson, Floyd Pendell, Mary Robinson, Don and Jo Shrode, Robert Spencer, Vito Tursi and Ruth Wheeler. (Mild; partly cloudy). 5 hours, 4 miles on foot (34 species, 540 individuals).
- 8, Sunday. Barr Lake (BARR). Leader: Fred Hager. Observers: Mary Jane Black, Edie Trimmer. (Mostly cloudy; wind - 5 to 10 mph; 40°-45°). 4 hrs., 6 miles. (27 species, 1796 individuals).
- 14, Saturday. Sedalia, West Plum Creek, Castlewood Canyon and vicinity (SPCC). Leader: Paul Rechel. Observers: Irma Appelgren, Ruth Breckon, Doug and Karen Gale, Noni Hilliard, Jack and Edith Humphries, Freda Krolik, Don and Lisa Johnson, Thompson Marsh, Mary Jane Schock, Don and Jo Shrode, Bob Spencer and Ruth Wheeler. (Sunny and mild; 50°-60°). (30 species, 411 ind.)
- 15, Sunday. Chatfield State Park (CHAT). Leader: Duane Nelson. Observers: Lisa Hardy, Kate Kittleman, Ann Southcott and Bob Thayer. (Calm; clear to partly cloudy; 40°-65°). (47 species, 1543 individuals).

- NOV. 21, Saturday. Cherry Creek Recreation Area (CCRA). Leader: Mary Jane Schock. Observers: Ruth Breckon, Virginia Edens, Karen Felmlee, Freda Krolik, Mark Goodbody, Lisa Hardy, Don and Lee Johnson, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Ken Lane, Susan and Thompson Marsh, Floyd Pendell, Jack Reddall, Don and Jo Shrode and Ruth Wheeler. (Clear, calm, 35°-65°) 5½ hrs., 19 miles. (41 species, 1282 individuals).
- 22, Sunday. Red Rocks Park (RRP). Leader: Dieter Kamm. Observers: Lisa Hardy, Alicia, Karl and Richard Kamm, Bob Thayer. (Sunny to partly cloudy; wind, 0-10 mph; 55°-65°) 3½ hrs., 1 mile (18 species, 111 individuals).
- 28, Saturday. Bear Creek Area (BC). Leader: Warren Finch. Observers: Jack Humphries, Freda Krolik, Kenneth Lane, Thompson Marsh, Duane Nelson, Bob Righter, Bob Spencer, Ruth Wheeler. (Clear; wind calm; 20°-47°) 29 miles, 4 miles on foot (49 species, 933 individuals).
- 29, Sunday. Genesee Park-Evergreen (EVER). Leader: Winston William Brockner. Observers: Judy Gitar, Lisa Hardy, Herman and Jean Kretschmer, Bob Righter, Dick Schottler. (Overcast; 20°-38°) 5 hrs.; 15 miles by car, 2 on foot (23 species, 269+ individuals).

NOVEMBER AREA HABITAT	7 FAIR Plns	8 BARR Plns	14 SPCC Fths	15 CHAT Plns	21 CCRA Plns	22 RRSP Fthl	28 BC Plns	28 BC Fthl	29 EVER Mt
Common Loon	1				1				
<u>RED-THROATED LOON</u>					1				
Horned Grebe				1	1				
Eared Grebe					350		1		
Western Grebe					4		2		
Pied-billed Grebe	3			9	1				
American White Pelican		1							
Double-crested Cormorant				3					
Great Blue Heron				3			2		
Canada Goose	53	700+		170	1		215		
<u>Greater White-fronted Goose</u>		2							
Mallard	1	200	18	40	70	1	70	3	
Gadwall	6	3		30	10		70		
Common Pintail				5			3		
Green-winged Teal				14	9		7		
American Widgeon	2			90	9		20		
Northern Shoveler	10	500+		65			8		
Ring-necked Duck							20		
Canvasback				6			5		
Lesser Scaup				5			2		
Common Goldeneye	12	10		8	200		34		
<u>Barrow's Goldeneye</u>					1				
Bufflehead	5		1	110	50		30		
<u>Oldsquaw</u>					3				
Ruddy Duck				1			15		
Hooded Merganser				2	4		4		
Common Merganser					50				
Sharp-shinned Hawk			2		1				
Red-tailed Hawk	1		9	3	1				
"Kriders" race								1	
Rough-legged Hawk							1		
Ferruginous Hawk		1		1					
Golden Eagle								2	
Northern Harrier		2	1	6	3		1		
American Kestrel		1		1			4		

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Ring-necked Pheasant	1			3	4		1		
American Coot	6			400	15		5		
Killdeer	2			7	4		5		
Common Snipe							2		
Herring Gull							1		
California Gull	6				1				
Ring-billed Gull	106	25		10	75		25		
Franklin's Gull					5				
Bonaparte's Gull					3				
Rock Dove	6		50			56	18		15
Mourning Dove				2(late)					
Great Horned Owl		2		2	1				
Short-eared Owl						1			
Belted Kingfisher			1	3		1	10	1	
Common Flicker				5			12		
"Red-shafted" race	17	7	2		7	1			1
Hairy Woodpecker									1
Downy Woodpecker	5	5	1						
Horned Lark		10			1				
Steller's Jay			2					2	1
Scrub Jay			9			3		4	1
Black-billed Magpie	43	15	14	20	25	6	50	11	4
Northern Raven			3						1
American Crow			4	50		7			1
Black-capped Chickadee	13	15	17	35	10	1	10		3
Mountain Chickadee						2			12
White-breasted Nuthatch			2	1					1
Red-breasted Nuthatch	5								2
Pygmy Nuthatch									10
Brown Creeper		2		17			2		1
North American Dipper						2		3	
Canyon Wren						1			
American Robin			33			2		1	
Townsend's Solitaire	6		9	1		3		3	3
Golden-crowned Kinglet	5								
Ruby-crowned Kinglet				5					1
Bohemian Waxwing									
Northern Shrike			1				1		
European Starling	54	7	12	30		2	55	5	6
House Sparrow	1	5					1		
Western Meadowlark	1	7		4	6				
Red-winged Blackbird		91	13	1	10		75		
Evening Grosbeak			10						1
Cassin's Finch									6
House Finch	98	53	4	12	271		36		
Pine Siskin			100						
American Goldfinch	5	27	50	15	35		6		1
Red Crossbill	20								180
Rufous-sided Towhee						2			
Northern Junco				18					
"White-winged" race									4
"Slate-colored" race	7	18	6		4		15		1
"Oregon" race	12	57	30		9	17	10		2

NOVEMBER	7	8	14	15	21	22	28	28	29
AREA	FAIR	BARR	SPCC	CHAT	CCRA	RRSP	BC	BC	EVER
HABITAT	Plns	Plns	Fthl	Plns	Plns	Fthl	Plns	Fthl	Mt
Gray-headed Junco	8		2	2	4	3			10
American Tree Sparrow	3	30	2	200	17		27		
Harris' Sparrow	1								
White-crowned Sparrow	10			2			1		
Song Sparrow	3	8	3	125	3		15		
Lapland Longspur					2				
TOTAL SPECIES - 89	34	27	30	47	41	18		49	23

ABBREVIATIONS: Plains=plns; foothills=fthl; mountains=mt

ADDITIONAL NOVEMBER 1981 REPORTS:

- ② Arctic Loon 11-7 (1) Chatfield S.P. (FJJ); 11-14 (2) Chatfield (BA, PG, RR)
 American White Pelican 11-4 (1) Barr Lake S.P. (DLJ)
 Green Heron 11-26 (1 sub ad.) Sloan's Lake, Denver (BA, PG, TR).
 Black-crowned Night Heron 11-27 (1 ad.) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN) (Late date, no specific details - ED.)
 Whistling Swan 11-26 (1 imm) Sloan's Lake (BA, PG, TR); 11-28 (1 imm) Chatfield (FJJ).
 Snow Goose 11-14 (80 "white form") Lake Meredith (RB, JRW); 11-14 (1 ad. "blue form") Lake Meredith (RB, JRW).
 BLACK SCOTER 11/21-23 (1 ad. male) Clover Basin, No. of Boulder (RB, PG).
 Ferruginous Hawk 11-4 (1 "dark phase") I-70 W. of Tower Rd. (DLJ)
 Virginia Rail 11-4 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN); 11-14 (5) Rocky Ford S.W.A. (RB, JRW); 11-28 (8) Fountain (RB).
 ① Sora 11-14 (2) Rocky Ford S.W.A. (RB, JRW); 11-28 (1) Fountain Creek (RB)
 Lesser Golden Plover 11/4-5 (1) Barr Lake (DLJ, TM).
 Mourning Dove 11-9 (1) Eastern Boulder County (JW); 11-14 (3) I-25 So. of Manitou Exit, Colo. Sprgs. (RB, JRW).
 Common Flicker 11-14 (1 ma. "yellow-shafted" race) I-25 So. of Manitou Exit, Colo. Springs (RB).
 Ladder-backed Woodpecker 11-28 (1 fe.) Hanover Rd., El Paso County (RB).
 Marsh Wren 11-18 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).
 Northern Mockingbird 11/27-29 (1) E. Baseline Rd., Boulder Co. (DJW).
 Golden-crowned Kinglet 11-16 (1) Lakewood (PE); 11-20 (1) E. Baseline Rd., Boulder Co. (DJW); 11-25 (1) Lakewood (PE).
 Cedar Waxwing 11-19 (10) Colo. Springs (RB).
 Loggerhead Shrike 11-28 (5) S.E. of Fountain (RB)
 Rusty Blackbird 11-21 (3) Colo. Springs (RB)
 Brewer's Blackbird 11-28 (120) So. of Fountain (RB).
 Common Grackle 11-14 (2) Fowler, Colo. (RB).
 Pine Grosbeak 11-1 (3m., 2 fe.) Golden Gate S.P. (PE).
 Lesser Goldfinch 11-21 (4 m., 2 fe.) Colorado Springs (RB).
 Lark Bunting 11-28 (1 m.) Hanover Rd., El Paso Co. (RB).
 Harris Sparrow 11-7 (1) Chatfield S.P. (MJS); 11-21 (2) Chatfield (FJJ).
 Lincoln's Sparrow 11-14 (1) Pueblo Rd. at Hanover Rd., El Paso Co. (RB, JRW); 11-21 (4) Colorado Springs (RB).
 Swamp Sparrow 11-12 (1) Wheatridge Greenbelt (DN).

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NOTICES

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP STATUS: At a recent meeting the Board of Directors voted to allow new members joining in the last quarter of the year to be paid-up members for the following calendar year.

DONATIONS are now being accepted in memory of SADIE MORRISON. All money collected will be used to buy copies of Chandler Robbins Birds of North America. The books will be placed in Bear Creek area schools. Checks may be sent to Robert Righter, D.F.O. Treasurer.

INFORMATION NEEDED: Last winter 12 adult female Canada geese were trapped on the Bosque Del Apache National Wildlife Refuge near Albuquerque, New Mexico, and were taken to Alberta. These birds were released in various locations in Alberta this summer, each with 12-14 artificially incubated week-old goslings, which were readily adopted by the adults. The intent of this experiment is that these adult geese will migrate back to New Mexico this fall with their newly acquired "families" to increase the migrational and wintering tendencies to and within that state for years to come. If you see any Canada geese with leg bands or neck collars, please note color, letters or numbers; which leg, location, etc.,; and inform the Division of Wildlife.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Drew Grainger, 772 S. Kearney, Denver, CO 80224 (355-8531); Louise Roloff, 2501 East 104th Ave., Denver, CO 80233 (457-2950); Marianne Zwosta, 2277D Coronado Pkwy., Denver, CO 80229 (288-6323).

We are saddened by the loss of Dr. Ward Chadwick who passed away recently.
We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Margo.

MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW PAYABLE

(In case you misplaced the pink slip included in the last newsletter use the following)

MEMBERSHIP: Membership is \$10.00 per year which includes all members of a family.
Senior Citizens Age 65 and Older membership is \$5.00 per year.
Students, 18 and under, may have a separate membership for \$5.00.

ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND \$10.00 REGULAR FAMILY DUES _____ OR \$5.00 SENIOR CITIZEN _____ OR \$5.00 STUDENT _____.

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ TELE. _____

RETURN TO: Robert Righter, 1020 - 15th St., Denver, CO 80202

CHANGE OF ADDRESS AND/OR FAILURE TO RECEIVE THE LARK BUNTING: Please notify the Treasurer, Robert Righter, 1020 15th St., Denver, CO 80202 (573-7730).

WE SUGGEST YOU MARK YOUR 1982 CALENDARS FOR D.F.O MEETINGS THE 4th TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. Occasionally your Lark Bunting may not arrive before the meetings.

DENVER FIELD ORNITHOLOGISTS FIELD TRIP SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1982

- JAN. 2, Saturday. SOUTH PLATTE RIVER-URBAN TRIP. Leader: Lyle Jordan (794-1800). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at west side of King Soopers, South Federal near Bellevue. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip.
- 3, Sunday. DENVER CITY PARKS-WINDSOR LAKE. Leaders: Don and Jo Shrode (341-1544). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, north parking lot. $\frac{1}{2}$ day trip.

- JAN. 9, Saturday. BARR LAKE STATE PARK. Leader: Bob Andrews (825-0293). Meet at 7:00 A.M. at Denver Museum of Natural History, City Park, North lot. Plans to hike around lake. Some may wish to hike part way and return. *
- 10, Sunday. IDLEDALE and VICINITY. Leader: Bill Prather (697-9535). Meet at 8:30 A.M. at Woolco parking lot, north side of Jewel, west of Wadsworth. *
- 16, Saturday. CHATFIELD STATE PARK. Leaders: Frank and Jan Justice (936-4547). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan & Hampden, southwest of May-D&F. *
- 17, Sunday. BOULDER-VALMONT AREA. Leader: Bob Jickling (499-4977). Meet at 9:00 A.M. at the self-service Postal Station out in the lot east of King Soopers at Crossroads Shopping Center in Boulder. Permission to go in at Valmont to see wintering waterfowl closer at hand is planned. 1/2 day trip.
- 23, Saturday. RED ROCKS and MORRISON PARKS. Leader: Dieter Kamm (697-9681). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at the Red Rocks Trading Post. 1/2 day trip.
- 24, Sunday. CHERRY CREEK RECREATION AREA. Leaders: Nancy Jones (758-1463) and Helen Singer (756-2808). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at West Gate of Cherry Creek. * (Remember you will need new 1982 State Parks Pass or buy day pass at gate or move car to nearby lot.)
- 30, Saturday. WHEATRIDGE GREENBELT. Leader: Duane Nelson (420-9770). Meet at 7:30 A.M. at Prospect Park at the pond, 44th Ave. 3/4 mi. west of Kipling.*
- 31, Sunday. BEAR CREEK AREA. Leader: Merwin Terry (237-8692). Meet at 8:00 A.M. at Bear Valley Shopping Center, Sheridan & Hampden, southwest of May-D&F.*

* Bring lunch

1/2 day trips - lunch optional

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